

## **UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CROSSING REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** *(unofficial)*

### **Northbound into the United States.**

**Acceptable Documents:** The United States requires one of these: a Valid Passport, US passport card, SENTRI, NEXUS or Global Entry card, Enhanced Driver's License (California does not issue these), or an Enhanced Official Native American Card.

**Not Acceptable:** Driver's License, Birth Certificate, Naturalization Certificate.

**Note:** There are three types of lanes entering the United States at the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa ports of entry for both autos and pedestrians...

- 1. General:** Requires an acceptable document (see above).
- 2. Ready Lane:** Requires a US Passport book or card, or an enhanced laser visa
- 3. SENTRI:** Requires either SENTRI or Global Entry card. Violators are subject to fines of up to US\$5,000.

### **Southbound into Mexico.**

**Acceptable Documents:** Mexico requires a Valid Passport, Mexico Resident Card, Valid FMM tourist card for visits up to seven days (no charge) or FMM tourist card for visits of up to 180 days (cost approx. US\$20). These documents are available on-line or from INAMI (Mexico migration) at the border.

**Not acceptable:** SENTRI, NEXUS or Global Entry cards, Enhanced Driver's License.

**Note 1:** Non-Mexican citizens who cross the border as pedestrians at San Ysidro are required to stop and apply for an FMM. At the present time, Mexico only randomly stops auto traffic entering the country to check for FMMs.

**Note 2:** United States auto insurance does not cover autos in Mexico. Driver's should purchase Mexican auto insurance on-line or before

**crossing the border for the amount of days when they will be in Mexico.**