

The Dutch government recommends that travellers do not submit their passports or ID cards or have them photocopied, in order to avoid identity fraud.

Royal Dutch Touring Club ANWB has made inquiries in the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, Italy, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sweden and the Czech Republic. Hotel owners and providers of other accommodation in none of those countries are obliged to make photocopies or retain travellers' passports or ID cards. The situation will be the same in other countries.

It is sufficient if I show you my passport or ID card, allowing you to certify my identity and write down any personal details.

Alternatively, I can hand you a photocopy which I made. It states the purpose for which you may use it, and my citizen's identification number has been made illegible.