



## **What you need to know - scams**

*“A deception deliberately practised in order to secure unfair or unlawful gain”*

### **Istanbul shoe cleaning trick**

A passing shoe cleaner appears to accidentally drop one of his brushes, continuing on seemingly unaware of his loss. The victim, picking up the brush, shouts after cleaner and hands the item back. The cleaner insists on showing his thanks by offering a free shoe clean.

With one shoe normally complete, the cleaner then recounts a suitably emotional tale of hardship before demanding payment for his services. Typically £10.

Solution: Avoid.

### **Kazakhstan immigration card trick**

The Kazakhstan immigration card trick is most likely to be encountered by independent travellers seeking to exit at land border crossings. The victim is advised that their papers are not in order, specifically that their passport details have not been registered with the appropriate authorities, and that a fine must be paid.

Solution:

The scam is avoided by ensuring all your papers are in order, and having a firm understanding of the requisite regulations to help you assert this. Specifically:

Valid visa.

Immigration Card, issued at point of entry, showing 2 stamps – see example below – which signifies your passport details **have** been registered with the appropriate authorities.

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МИГРАЦИОННАЯ КАРТОЧКА к паспорту № \_\_\_\_\_  
MIGRATIONAL CARD to the passport

Тери/Фамилия/Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Кіну \_\_\_\_\_  
Аты/Имя/Given names \_\_\_\_\_  
Азаматтығы/Гражданство/Nationality \_\_\_\_\_  
Келу мақсаты/Цель въезда/Purpose of visit \_\_\_\_\_  
Қбылдайтын тарап  
Принимающая сторона  
Inviting person (organization) \_\_\_\_\_  
Бірге келетін балалар / Совместно  
Accompanying by children \_\_\_\_\_  
Қолы/подпись/signature \_\_\_\_\_  
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Regulations are liable to change, but as of July 2010, most travellers from Western Europe will have their passport details registered when they apply for a visa at a Consulate abroad, and/or when they enter through one of a number of designated points of entry, typically the international airports. A copy of the Regulations<sup>1</sup>, in English, can be obtained from Consulates. Useful for demonstrating to Border Guards that you have a very clear understanding of the rules.

<sup>1</sup> 'Advisory for foreign nationals arriving in the Republic of Kazakhstan' Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan International Information Committee (Astana 2008)