



ADVISORY ON SECURITY & SAFETY ISSUES ABROAD

Name (please print): _____ Program: _____

Whether traveling abroad as a tourist, student or intern, you will likely be entering an unfamiliar environment. As a participant in an Oregon University System International Program, you have the advantage of a program infrastructure and/or individuals on-site to orient you to local safety issues and to support you in the event of a security or safety emergency. You also have a personal responsibility for your own safety and security.

We recommend the following precautions anytime you travel abroad:

1. Register with the nearest U.S. Consulate or your home country embassy (if not a U.S. citizen) so that in-country staff know how to contact you should the need arise. To register on-line with the U.S. Embassy, go to <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>.
2. Keep up-to-date on U.S. travel advisories or warnings for the country in which you reside or to which you might be traveling (<http://travel.state.gov/>). Do not travel in countries where travel advisories or warnings are already in effect.
3. Try to maintain a relatively low profile and integrate into the host culture as much as possible. Avoid political demonstrations and large groups or gatherings. Do not advertise that you are a U.S. citizen and avoid American hangouts.
4. Keep your local program leaders (program director, regional coordinator, or resident director), host organizations, host families/roommates, your family back home, and your instructors informed of your whereabouts if you plan to travel.
5. Keep informed and alert of local issues/news. Stay informed by reading newspapers and magazines. In times of political turmoil, stay tuned to the British Broadcasting Corporation, and Voice of America, and the Cable News Networks broadcasts for U.S. State Department information.
6. Do not carry baggage or parcels for other persons.

Incidences of either verbal or physical attacks toward Americans are relatively rare, yet they do occur. You can protect yourself with some common sense and the simple tactics noted above. Keep in mind that any comments directed at you are rarely personal.

No one can guarantee your absolute safety while you're abroad any more than we can guarantee absolute safety on your home campus. Be assured, however, that we have taken precautions and routinely monitor information about the issues and conditions in the locales where you will study or work. We have communication procedures in place so that if an emergency occurs, you will know whom to contact for information, counsel, and assistance.

With my signature below, I acknowledge that I have been advised of my personal responsibility for my own safety and that I agree to cooperate with the instructions above and those of the program director or regional coordinator, resident director, or in-country sponsor in the event of an emergency.

Please print out this form; then be sure to sign and date the form below by hand.

Student's Signature

Date

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