

## Preparing for Study Abroad Emergencies for Higher Ed and K–12 Populations

### Planning for Emergencies

#### [Adding International Incidents to Your Campus All-Hazard Emergency Response Plans Webinar, National Center for Campus Public Safety \(NCCPS\)](#)

In this archived Webinar, presenters share what information should be included in an institution of higher education's (IHE) emergency operations plan to address emergencies abroad that could affect study, athletic, and research programs, and other travelers. Additionally, presenters shared information on the types of committees that should be formed, resources, training, and exercises.

<https://www.nccpsafety.org/training-technical-assistance/webinars/adding-international-incident-to-your-campus-all-hazard-emergency-response/>

#### [“Emerging Issues in Managing International Programs at Institutions of Higher Education” Report, NCCPS, University of Oregon, and Disaster Resilient Universities Network](#)

This report summarizes discussions of global health and safety managers that were convened in working groups to identify, prioritize, and make recommendations to address emerging issues facing international programs at IHEs. Topics discussed included program management risks, risks specific to IHEs, risks due to participant behavior, and geographic risks.

[https://www.nccpsafety.org/assets/files/library/NCCPS\\_Global\\_Issues\\_Report\\_052416.pdf](https://www.nccpsafety.org/assets/files/library/NCCPS_Global_Issues_Report_052416.pdf)

#### [Webinar on Study Abroad Safety, U.S. Department of Education \(ED\)](#)

These Webinar slides, presented by ED's Office of Postsecondary Education, International and Foreign Language Education Office on April 27, 2016, include key resources and lessons learned from Michigan State University's and the University of Chicago's study abroad programs.

[https://remstacenter.gov/docs/ED\\_Study\\_Abroad\\_Safety.pdf](https://remstacenter.gov/docs/ED_Study_Abroad_Safety.pdf)

#### [The Forum on Education Abroad Web Page](#)

The Forum on Education Abroad develops and implements standards of good practice for education abroad. In “The Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad,” nine standards are provided that cover all aspects of international study from an academic framework to ethics. Standard 8 deals specifically with program participant health, safety, security, and risk management, and includes recommendations for a risk assessment,

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written emergency operations protocols, training and orientation, and collaboration with relevant organizations and authorities.

<https://forumea.org/>

### Notifications and Support

[Building Study Abroad Capacity for U.S. Institutions, U.S. Department of State \(State Department\), and Arizona State University](#)

This free, online course provides information and resources on building and strengthening study abroad programs. Module 7 focuses specifically on important health and safety considerations, including risk assessment, identifying student needs, preparing students and faculty, student support on-program, developing emergency protocols, and resources available from the State Department.

<http://www.studyabroadtoolbox.org/>

[STEP.state.gov](#) and [@TravelGov, State Department](#)

Individuals can sign up in STEP and follow the State Department's Twitter account to receive safety and security information on the go.

[Travelers' Health Web Page, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

Resources on this page are separated into those for travelers and clinicians. The page provides current health information by destination and travel health notices, and allows users to register via email to receive the latest updates from CDC's travelers' health.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

[Travel Web Page, State Department](#)

Individuals can access a variety of travel-related resources from this page (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html>), including the following:

- [Country information page](#): This page offers individuals considering international travel information about the safety and security situation in a specific country, including entry and exit requirements, local laws and customs, health conditions, etc.  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country.html>
- [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#): This program is a free service that allows travelers to register their travel information with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate to help them locate the traveler, should they need assistance. Travelers, and future travelers, can also receive Travel Alerts, Warnings, and other safety

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information via email regarding specific destinations abroad.

<https://step.state.gov/step/>

- **Overseas Security and Advisory Council (OSAC) Website:** OSAC is a public-private partnership within the State Department. It is a free security resource to U.S. organizations and provides security consultations, security reports, global security meetings, and connections with U.S. Mission security offices for assessments and consultations. <https://www.osac.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>
- **Traveler's Checklist:** Four steps to take before traveling abroad, including reading country information, getting the right documents, enrolling in [STEP](#), and having insurance. <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/go/checklist.html>
- **Traveling with Disabilities Web Page:** Guidance provided on this page includes how to prepare for a trip, considerations for taking a service dog and assistive equipment abroad, and how to stay connected. Several medical considerations and additional resources are also provided. <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/go/disabilities.html>

**Websites of U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Diplomatic Missions, State Department:** Hyperlinks are provided on this page to U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Diplomatic Missions abroad. Once a country is selected, contact information is provided, which includes addresses and telephone numbers.

<https://www.usembassy.gov/>

**World Factbook Web Page, Central Intelligence Agency**

This Web page provides information on 267 world entities, categorized into their history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues. Included are a variety of maps for geography, political climate, and world oceans.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/resources/the-world-factbook/>

### Safety Tips

**Cybersecurity While Traveling Tip Card, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

Within this two-page tip card, DHS provides cybersecurity tips for travelers before and while they travel, such as the need to protect mobile devices. In addition, common cybersecurity threats while traveling are described.

<https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Cybersecurity%20While%20Traveling.pdf>

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[Driving Overseas: Best Practices Web Page, Overseas Security Advisory Council, U.S. Department of State](#)

On this Web page, information is provided on general requirements to rent cars abroad, as well as how to seek emergency assistance. Unusual laws and practices for drivers are described, as well as law enforcement practices related to issues such as alcohol and accidents. A list of crimes that target rental cars is also provided, and the page concludes with general advice and guidance for drivers.

<https://www.osac.gov/pages/ContentReportDetails.aspx?cid=17945>

[Health Information for International Travel \(\*Yellow Book\*\), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

The *Yellow Book* is published every 2 years and includes the U.S. government's latest travel health guidelines, such as destination-specific health advice. Each edition also includes the latest available information on emerging infectious diseases and vaccine recommendations.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/yellowbook-home>

[Safety and Security for U.S. Students Traveling Abroad Brochure, Federal Bureau of Investigations](#)

Students are provided information on what threats they may face when traveling abroad, such as open Wi-Fi networks that may be controlled by that country's security services. The two-page brochure also provides tips on what to do before, during, and after travel abroad to help keep travelers, their property, and computer data safe.

<https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/student-travel-brochure-pdf.pdf/view>

[Travel Abroad Safety and Health Web Page, Office of Postsecondary Education, ED](#)

On this page, resources are provided on travel registration and health and accident insurance, and other related information is listed. Included are links to other federal resources, such as ED's Students Abroad Web page.

<https://ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/travel-safety.html>