International Travel Safety Tips
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Foreign Travel Insurance Program (FTIP)

1. Who is Covered:

- Registered Travelers from the California State University, including
  - SFSU Students, Faculty, Officers, Employees, registered family members and registered volunteers
- CSU Auxiliary Organizations
  - Including same travelers as above SFSU organizations
2. Travel Preparation

- Begin planning as early as possible
- Review Trip Resources
- Sign up for Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) of the US Department of State
- Familiarize yourself with local conditions and laws – State Department web site at: 
  - has useful safety and other information
  - plan for potential hazards & dangerous conditions
- Pre-Trip Orientation – trip leaders & travelers
3. Safety Tips

- Contact AXA Travel Assistance for Pre-Departure and Travel Medical Emergency Services
  1-630-694-9764
  medassist-usa@axa-assistance.us

- Sign up for US State Department Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)
  https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/

- Learn about the country in which you will be studying and its customs

- Learn how to summon help in any emergency
3. Safety Tips - continued

- Leave copies of important documents (passports, credit cards, visas, travel assistance card, etc.) with your family in the U.S.
- Important documents (passports, credit cards, visas, copy of travel assistance card, etc.) should be secured in a safe place where you are staying
- Take a photo of your Travel Assistance card and keep on your smartphone
- Inside pockets or pouch/money belts worn inside/under clothing are best to carry ID cards, cash and credit card
3. Safety Tips - continued

- Keep your host program informed of your whereabouts
- Whenever possible, travel with another person
- Keep a low profile in demeanor and dress
- Avoid wearing clothing that immediately identifies you as a US college student
- Stay connected with Family and Friends
- Avoid creating predictable daily routines
- Use precaution when befriending locals
- Do not hail taxis in the street – always have a hotel or restaurant call a taxi from a trusted source
3. Safety Tips - continued

- Carry only the cash or credit cards that you’ll need
- Exchange currency only at authorized agencies or reputable establishments
- Carry passport only when needed – keep locked in a safe place
- Avoid withdrawing cash from ATMs on the street – use ATMs inside banks
- Be aware of your surroundings to ensure safety and security
- Do not hitchhike, even though local citizens may
3. Safety Tips - continued

- Know how to contact the police and/or fire department – “911” is NOT considered the emergency contact number in most countries
- Know where and how to contact the US consular office
- If confronted give up valuables and get to the nearest safe place
- If you are a victim of crime, report incidents to the police and nearest US consular office
- Expect the unexpected
3. Safety Tips - continued

- In the event of a local, regional or global crisis, follow the advice of local authorities and consult the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate for security information.

- If a widespread political or economic crisis should occur, get to or stay in a safe place and contact local authorities or U.S. Embassy of your whereabouts.

- Designate a primary and secondary meeting place in the event of a crisis.

- Have a plan for alternative methods of communication.
3. Safety Tips - continued

- Keep up on current events in the U.S. and as they relate to U.S. citizens in your host country
- Keep cell phones and computers charged
- Avoid public demonstrations and other civil disturbances
- Try to seem purposeful when you move about. Even if you are lost, act as if you know where you are going
4. FTIP Coverages and Traveler Assistance

- **Core Coverages**
  - Foreign General Liability
  - Foreign Excess Automobile Liability
  - Employers Responsibility Coverage Voluntary Compensation
  - Employers Liability
  - Primary Medical Expense
  - Emergency Medical Benefits
  - Emergency Medical Evacuation
  - Repatriation of Remains Benefit
  - Emergency Reunion
  - Accidental Death & Dismemberment
  - Trip Cancellation
  - Trip Interruption Benefit
  - Trip Cancellation (Self-Funded)
  - Worldwide Travel Assistance
4. Traveler Assistance – accessing it

Contact AXA Travel Assistance for Pre-Departure and Travel Medical Emergency Services – 24/7
1-630-694-9764
medassist-usa@axa-assistance.us
### 4. Higher Risk Countries

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War Risk Countries – Prior Approval Needed

- Afghanistan
- Iran
- Iraq
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Syria
- Ukraine
## Int’l Events Triggering Confirmation of Safety

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