Global Travel Guidance
Managing risk and preparing the Penn community for travel abroad

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Penn Process to Manage Global Travel Risk

• Committee on International Travel Risk Assessment (CITRA)
  — Assess global travel risks

• Penn Global Travel Guidance
  — Prepare students, faculty, and staff for travel in Heightened Risk Regions

• Global Incident Management Team (GIMT)
  — Respond to emergency incidents abroad
CITRA

Members

• Three International administrators
• Four faculty with a global travel background and expertise
• A network of faculty with specific regional and country expertise

Process

• Review and benchmark peer institution policy
• Analyze Penn’s global reach and past practices
• Assess internal and external resources

Results

• Developed a process for assessment of global travel risk at Penn
• Created the Heightened Risk Region list and methodology
• Determined whether and to whom any travel restriction may apply
• Developed an undergraduate student travel request process and will serve as review committee
Heightened Risk Regions

- ISOS Risk Rating: EXTREME
- ISOS Risk Rating: HIGH
- Travel Warning

Heightened Risk Region
## Heightened Risk Regions List

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Heightened Risk Region(s)</th>
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<td>Afghanistan* (TW)</td>
<td>All other areas of Afghanistan</td>
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<td>Badakhshan, Bamian, Daykundi, Ghor, Jowzjan, Panjshir, Samangan, Saripul and Takhar</td>
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<td>Algeria (TW)</td>
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<td>Main urban centres (Algiers, Constantine, Oran, Mostaganem, Tlemcen, Annaba, Skikda,</td>
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<td>Bangladesh</td>
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Penn Travel 2012-2013

Category 2 - HIGH
44 Travelers

- Bangladesh (Dhaka, Chittagong) 16
- Haiti 8
- Kenya (Nairobi) 6
- Guatemala (Guatemala City) 5
- Honduras 5
- India (Assam) 1
- Libya 1
- Papua New Guinea 1
- Venezuela (Caracas) 1

Category 3 - MEDIUM
223 Travelers

- Israel 131
- Colombia 42
- Egypt 17
- Mexico 15
- Philippines 6
- Kenya (Mombasa, Masai Mara) 4
- Tunisia 4
- Lebanon 2
- El Salvador 1
- Iraq (Kurdistan) 1
Travel Smart. Register!

Global Activities Registry

- Penn’s expedited response to crisis/natural disaster
- Automatic sync with International SOS, Penn’s travel assistance provider

Mandatory for all students going abroad on a Penn program!

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International Travel Guidance

• International SOS
• International Travel Insurance(s)
• Heightened Risk Regions List
• Travel Safety Information & Presentations
• High Risk Travel Briefings & Consultation
• Links to Penn Offices
• Emergency Procedures
Global IMT

Members

• Co-Chairs from Risk Management and Global Support Services
• Core team includes Public Safety, SIS, and Penn Abroad
• 12 additional Central Administration and Provost office members
• A network of faculty with specific regional or country expertise and school liaison where needed

Process

• Review and agree on individual roles and responsibilities in the event of a crisis overseas
• Incident response and debrief conducted
• September 2013 table-top simulation of potential incident

Results

• Developed a communication process and protocol for emergency situations abroad
• Completed a Global Response Plan that has been included as an addendum to the University Crisis Management Plan
Questions & Feedback

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