WHO WE ARE

Our mission is to support the health, safety, and security of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign students, faculty, and staff traveling internationally on university programs or for university business.

International Safety and Security is a unit of Illinois International and reports to the Vice Provost for International Affairs and Global Strategies.

WHAT WE DO

- Provide comprehensive incident response 24/7 to students, faculty, and staff abroad.
- Work closely with offices across campus to maintain university policies related to international travel.
- Manage international insurance enrollment and assistance.
- Provide training for students, faculty, and staff.
- Review travel for high-risk destinations and consult on specific health, safety and security information and concerns.

CONTACT US

24/7 Emergency Contact Number: +1 (217) 333–1216

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INSURANCE, SAFETY & WELLNESS

International Safety and Security manages enrollment in the university’s international insurance, which covers medical expenses, physical/mental health treatments, emergency medical or security evacuation, and offers a 24-hour assistance line as well as teledoc services.

All students traveling abroad on university activities must enroll in international insurance. Most will be automatically enrolled if their program is pre-approved. Faculty and staff are encouraged to register and will be covered without cost: safetyabroad.illinois.edu/insurance/register/

Travelers should also visit our website for more safety and wellness tips: safetyabroad.illinois.edu/safety-wellness/general-tips/

BEFORE GOING ABROAD

- Use the international insurance to find and schedule appointments abroad, check the legality of your medications and arrange prescriptions in-country, and request a translated allergy card.
- Thoroughly research your destination country’s history, culture, laws, and demographics.
- Create a communication plan with your family and friends.

WHILE YOU ARE ABROAD

- Use the international insurance to seek mental or physical health care locally. You can also request remote teleconsultation or mental health counseling.
- Understand how local culture, laws, and legal systems vary; consider your actions and how locals may interpret them.
- Consider the risks of alcohol/drug use; never go out alone; drink responsibly and have a plan; always watch your drinks.
- Remain vigilant; inform others if something does not seem right; trust your safety instincts.

TRAINING & RESOURCES

The International Safety and Security team provides pre-departure orientation and workshops for students, faculty, and staff.

Leaders of short-term education abroad programs, or other university-related student travel abroad, must attend at least one workshop a year.

Visit our website homepage to view the calendar of upcoming trainings, watch pre-departure training videos, access important documents, and much more: safetyabroad.illinois.edu

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In the event of a life, limb, eyesight, or other significant emergency, seek immediate medical care at the closest hospital or medical facility. When able, please contact the University of Illinois Police Department using the emergency contact number above to be linked.

International Insurance: safetyabroad.illinois.edu/insurance/coverage/
McKinley Health Center Travel Clinic: +1 (217) 333-2701
Center for Disease Control & Prevention: cdc.gov
Smart Traveler Enrollment Program: step.state.gov
U.S. Department of State: state.gov
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