Education Abroad in Countries with Travel Warnings

Tuesday, May 31, 2011
2:30-3:45pm
VCC West, Room 202-204

The security of study abroad destinations can change rapidly. In a roundtable setting, hear updates from U.S. Department of State officials, learn about trends from international educators, discuss and debate potential projects, and brainstorm creative solutions to operating programs in countries with travel warnings.

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Resources:
U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Current Travel Information
http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw_1764.html - Travel Warnings
http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_1766.html - Travel Alerts

Overseas Security Advisory Council of the U.S. Department of State
The Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) was created by the Secretary of State to promote an open dialogue between the U.S. Government and the American private sector on security issues abroad.
https://www.osac.gov/Pages/Home.aspx

The Center for Global Education - The SAFETI (Safety Abroad First - Educational Travel Information) Clearinghouse Resources to support study abroad program development and implementation, emphasizing health and safety issues and resources for U.S. colleges and universities supporting study abroad.
http://globaled.us/safeti/aboutsafeti.html

Responsible Study Abroad: Good Practices for Health & Safety by the Interorganizational Task Force on Safety and Responsibility in Study Abroad
http://www.nafsa.org/knowledge_community_network.sec/education_abroad_1/developing_and_managing/practice_resources_36/policies/guidelines_for_health/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Offers a health info sheet for each country in the world.
http://www.cdc.gov/
University Policies Regarding Travel Warnings/Alerts:

Michigan State University Policy Regarding Education Abroad in Countries with Travel Warnings: http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/safety/warnings.html

Goucher College
http://www.goucher.edu/documents/ois/TravelAlertsPolicy.pdf

Amherst College
https://www.amherst.edu/media/view/299269/original/confirmation_final1011.1112.pdf

Brown University
http://www.brown.edu/Administration/OIP/resources/articles/travel_warning_countries.php

Florida Atlantic University
http://www.fau.edu/goabroad/Safety_and_Security_Policies_for_International_Study_and_Travel.php

Tulane University
http://global.tulane.edu/studyabroad/safety.html

Publications related to this topic:


Also, you may wish to attend the following sessions here in Vancouver related to this topic:

Creating a Travel Oversight Committee: Providing Risk Guidelines for Your Institution
Date: June 2, 2011
Time: 02:00pm - 03:15pm
Location: Vancouver Convention Centre West Room 221-222

Developing Response Protocols for Emergencies Abroad
Date: June 2, 2011
Time: 03:45pm - 05:00pm
Location: Vancouver Convention Centre West Room 202-204

Risk Management in Internship and Volunteer Abroad Programs
Date: June 3, 2011
Time: 02:15pm - 03:15pm
Location: Vancouver Convention Centre West Room 205-207

“There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.” - John F. Kennedy