

Safety Abroad: Message to Parents and Concerned Others

Parents of students who are going, or are already abroad are justifiably concerned with their safety. This letter reports on what we have done and continue to do in an effort to assure that all University of Cincinnati students are safe.

Pre-departure Orientation

- We orient students to both host country and American security information provided by the U.S. Department of State.
- We speak to students about how to behave abroad, how to maintain a low profile, how to act responsibly.
- We provide students emergency procedures, including a card with contact information both day and night for IGSA staff.
- We collect all pertinent information from students, including their emergency contact, medical and insurance information.
- We require all students to have an International I.D., which provides supplemental medical insurance, as well as emergency evacuation for medical cause or repatriation of remains.
- We inform students that while abroad, they represent the University of Cincinnati, and that their actions and behaviors are governed by the UC Student Code of Conduct.

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- Faculty leaders register all members of the group at the closest American consulate or embassy. All students traveling independently must register their whereabouts as soon as they arrive.
- Faculty leaders carry a copy of students' passports and visas. Independent students must carry a copy of these documents separately.
- Students must respect the rules of the program, not take unnecessary risks, and stay in touch with their faculty leader. Independent students must stay in touch with the International Student office of the institution where they are located, and the American consulate.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency situation while students are abroad, we ask Faculty leaders and independent students to follow these procedures.

- Make sure that all members of the group are accounted for and in a safe place.
- Call the U.S. Consulate or Embassy for instructions.
- Call IGSA to report the situation and receive further instructions.
- IGSA will contact the emergency phone numbers of all students on affected programs.

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