

WORLD AWARE: 7 TOP SECURITY RISKS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS

It's no secret that in today's complex travel security landscape, organizations are faced with evolving risks that can be difficult to navigate. The good news? Managing and responding to these risks is much easier once you know what your travelers—and your organization—are up against.

For example, have you considered...?

PASSPORT/IDENTITY THEFT

Some **300,000** U.S. passports go missing each year. Meanwhile, two other studies have found (respectively) that **9%** of travelers said they've been victims of identity theft or fraud while traveling and **21%** said they knew someone who was a victim.



SCAMS/FRAUD



Scam artists are awaiting unsuspecting travelers. Among the top scams are thieves posing as plain clothes police who demand your identification, and unscrupulous cab drivers.

HACKING/DATA SECURITY

Business travelers beware: Cyber-criminals set up phony networks to steal data or hold information for ransom. **95%** of public Wi-Fi networks are unencrypted and aren't protecting your information.



ASSAULT/MUGGINGS



While statistics on assaults are generally unreliable, even the most seasoned traveler can still fall victim to a violent assault or mugging. Overall crime in Europe is trending down, but **47 of the top 50** most violent cities (other than war zones) are in the Western Hemisphere.

KIDNAPPING

About **60%-70%** of the kidnappings of U.S. citizens overseas go unreported. "Express kidnappings" — where victims are often forced to withdraw ransom money from an ATM — are rising.



TERRORISM

Despite being a staple of daily news reports, terrorism is not a major threat to those traveling abroad. The odds of an American dying in a terrorist attack, whether domestically or internationally, are approximately **1 in 20 million**, far less than the odds of dying from gun

violence, lightening or surgery complications. But many nations are still on alert.



NATURAL DISASTERS

Earthquakes, winter storms, floods, and other natural disasters can strike anywhere on the globe. But some areas are more exposed to natural disasters than others.



The top 10 populations most susceptible to natural hazards are:

1. India
2. China
3. Indonesia
4. United States
5. Bangladesh
6. Brazil
7. Pakistan
8. Japan
9. Mexico
10. Philippines

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