

Safe Community Newsletter



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Safe Travel

In view of the gradual resumption of international travel, the number of Hong Kong residents travelling abroad has grown exponentially. In the past, terrorist groups and extremists have launched attacks on tourist hotspots, causing a large number of casualties and attracting global attention.

Before Departure

Travellers should refer to the "Outbound Travel Alert (OTA) System" established by the Security Bureau to understand the risk or threat to personal safety in travelling to overseas countries/territories.



Signs of threat Monitor situation Exercise caution



Significant threat
Adjust travel plans
Avoid non-essential travel



Severe threat Avoid all travel

Stay Vigilant

When you travel, be alert in public places or crowded locations. Terrorists have increasingly targeted crowded locations and targets in order to create mass terror and casualties. Attractive targets of attack included:



Landmarks and critical infrastructures



Places with congregation of crowds (e.g. restaurants, shopping malls and public transportation)



Local government representations

While Hong Kong interests have not been specifically targeted in terrorist attacks abroad, there have been incidents where Hong Kong citizens travelling overseas were injured or killed.

Thailand (August 2015)

Two Hong Kong residents were killed and six others were wounded in the Erawan Shrine bombing in Bangkok, which caused 20 deaths and 125 injuries.

Germany (July 2016)

A Hong Kong family of four on board a train in southern Germany were injured by an axe-wielding perpetrator.

Spain (August 2017)
A Hong Kong resident suffered from leg injury while escaping from a vehicle-ramming attack that targeted Las Ramblas in Barcelona, resulting in 13 deaths and 130 injuries.

Outbound Travel Tips

- Use the Registration of Outbound Travel Information service.
- Learn more about the local situation, e.g. weather, epidemic, law and order, etc.
- Keep in contact with family or friends.
- Attend to your personal safety and avoid crowded areas.



In the event of a terrorist incident, you should apply "Run - Hide - Report" guidance to stay safe.

RUN

Leave via a safe route.

HIDE

If you can't leave, take cover. Don't use any sound-emitting or luminous devices.

REPORT

Call the local police when you are safe.

Travellers should remain vigilant about the local safety situation when travelling abroad. In case of emergencies, you can also contact the Immigration Department or Chinese Embassy/Consulate at your destination.



Safeguard HK Mobile App

"Safeguard HK Mobile App"

The Mobile App launched by Security Bureau provides the following information:

- Instant updates of Outbound Travel Alerts;
- Contact information of Chinese Embassies and Consulates; and
- SOS tools which include "Safety Check", SOS whistle and SOS flashlight.



HK Immigration Department Mobile App

"Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit"

Hong Kong residents who need assistance while outside Hong Kong, whether in Mainland or elsewhere, can seek help from the following ways:

- Call the 24-hour Assistance Hotline (852)1868;
- Call the 24-hour Assistance Hotline by the ImmD Mobile Application;
- Fill in Online Assistance Request Form; or
- 1868 WhatsApp Assistance Hotline.



WeChat Official Account

"12308 Hotline"

The Global Emergency Call Center for Consular Protection and Services Hotline of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (86-10) 12308 provides consular protection and consulting services for overseas Chinese citizens.

You can also seek assistance through the WeChat official account of Consular Services of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.















5th Anniversary of Inter-departmental Counter Terrorism Unit

Safe Community Fun Day

Building 12W, Science Park West Avenue, Hong Kong Science Park, **Shatin, New Territories**

1100 - 1700 hours on 29 April 2023 (Saturday)

Free shuttle bus services from and to University Station (Departure time at University Station: 1030 – 1530 hours)









Flight Simulation



E-Dodgeball



Gift Set & Light

Instant Photo

Bishi Bashi

Get a gift set upon completing the "Safe Community" mission

