

# **Safety**

## **Study Abroad Statement on Safety and Security**

The safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff who are participating in ISU programs abroad is of the highest importance. The Study Abroad Center (SAC) has established policies and procedures designed to safeguard the safety and well-being of study abroad participants.

The SAC monitors the safety and security situation at all program sites. Study abroad program participants abroad are notified via e-mail if the U.S. State Department issues a country-specific Warning or Announcement.

Procedures are in place should an individual program participant, or all program participants, need to be evacuated from the program site.

The SAC is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through an emergency cell phone. To contact the ISU Study Abroad Center **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**, call

**ISU Police**  
**(001) 515-294-4428**

You may also contact the SAC during office hours at (001) 515-294-6792.

Addressing safety and well-being begins with training the Program Directors and providing all program participants with pre-departure orientation. Program participants are provided with extensive written information and resources, available both in print and on the SAC website.

### **Student Responsibilities**

The SAC encourages students to take responsibility for their own safety and security by carefully reading the information, advice, and resources provided, including the following websites:

[www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Students should also do the following:

- Check to make sure emergency contact information is current (provided on the original program application).
- Check to make sure the Program Director has a photocopy of your passport (or, if not in a group program, leave a copy with your emergency contact person).
- Leave an itinerary and contact information with your Program Director or on-site staff for all additional travel not associated with the program.
- Carry an emergency telephone contact list.
- Know the local equivalent of 911 for your program site.
- If you have a cell phone, store your emergency contact's phone number under ICE (In Case of Emergency) so that emergency/medical personnel can contact your family.