



IN SAFE HANDS

OVERSEAS EDUCATIONAL VISITS Annex C: Risk Assessment Guidance and Considerations

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National Guidance Supporting Resources

Has the National Guidance '[Provider Questionnaire](#)' been completed?

Has the National Guidance '[Assessing a Provider](#)' checklist been completed?

Has the National Guidance on '[Overseas Visits](#)' been reviewed and understood?

Has the National Guidance on '[Risk Management](#)' been reviewed and understood?

Has the National Guidance on '[Corona Virus](#)' been reviewed and understood?

Has the [Visit Leader Checklist](#) been completed?

Risk Assessment References

You should consider the following variables (SAGE) when planning your visit:

- Staff
- Activities
- Group
- Environment

See OEAP's National Guidance document 1b Foundations for more information. National Guidance also has a also a useful reference document for [Visit Leaders](#).

Threat Sub-Categories Considerations

To really understand and assess your visit location you should extensively research your destination. The list below is not exhaustive, but will provide some guidance on criteria that should be considered during the risk assessment process:

Staff

- Personal (Staff) - Dietary, mental health, flying phobia, sexual orientation, race, religion, gender, medication, pre-existing health conditions or disabilities, experience, training etc.
- Transportation - Air charter, meet & greet, public transport, coach hire, rail etc. National Guidance Reference: [4.5a Transport general considerations](#)
- Accommodation - Location, security measures, safety considerations, room/floor/door allocation, emergency measures etc. National Guidance Reference: [7f Exchanges and home stays](#)

Activity

- Activity - Individual activity risk assessments
- Association & Sensitivity - Visiting religious or military buildings, UK citizens/business have been targeted etc.

Group

Personal (Pupil) - Dietary, mental health, flying phobia, sexual orientation, race, religion, gender, medication, pre-existing health conditions or disabilities, experience, training etc.

Environment

- Timing (Key Events) - Elections, Religious events (Ramadan etc.), natural disaster/climate season (hurricanes, rainy season etc.)
- Covid-19 - Social distancing, quarantine, travel corridors or bridges, restricted venue types (restaurants, museums etc.) etc. See National Guidance [4.4k Corona Virus](#)
- Crime - Petty crime, robbery, assault, extortion, sexual assault/rape, drug spiking, murder, cyber, carjacking etc.
- Unrest - Protest, roadblock, check points, road closure, violence, protest flash points etc.
- Terrorism/Kidnap - Lone wolf, IED attack, armed attack, radicalisation, kidnap for ransom, express kidnap etc. See National Guidance Reference: [4.4e Terrorism](#)
- Conflict - Inter-state, cross-border, international etc.
- Infrastructure - Driving standards, road conditions, power reliability, phone/internet network, transportation hubs and utilisation, sanitation, building standards (earthquake prone regions) etc.
- Health - Disease, Healthcare System, medication availability, types of medical services available (A & E), dental etc. See National Guidance Reference: [4.4b First Aid](#) and [4.4d Medication](#)
- Natural Disaster - Earthquake, monsoon, avalanche, hurricane, electrical storm, cyclone, snow, drought, tsunami, wildfire etc.
- Climate and Nature - Hot, humidity, cold, mountainous, temperate, wildlife (dangerous/venomous) etc. See National Guidance Reference: [7j Weather and group safety](#).
- Culture and Customs - Greeting, clothing, religious customs etc.
- Local Law and Human Rights - Law enforcement, extortion, corruption, child labour, human rights breaches etc.

Useful Risk Assessment Resources

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Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (formally FCO)

Department for Education [Covid19 Travel Advice for Educational Settings](#)

Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel [National Guidance](#)

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