

# Safety Abroad

Depending on your destination, the safety level varies strongly, but here is some general advice:

1. Keep an information card in English and, if applicable, the local language with you, that has your name, passport number, insurance number (if applicable), a local emergency contact, and Westlake University's contact on it. In the unlikely event of an accident, medical staff can quickly make sure of your identity, get access to your insurance information, and get into contact. If applicable, we also recommend keeping your local insurance card with you all the time.
2. Please also make sure that you have left an emergency contact of a trusted person with the Office of International Affairs, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Office of Student Affairs. This may be a parent, spouse, or (ex-)guardian.
3. Memorize emergency phone numbers of the local police, ambulance, and fire prevention and control office.
4. To avoid pickpockets, theft, or robbery, make sure you keep your valuables in a safe place all the time. When traveling, keep your important documents and valuables within your eyesight and, optimally, in a pocket with a zipline which you keep close. After arrival, you may store your valuables in a locker or safety vault (if applicable). If the hotel, hostel, or dormitory does not offer vault or lockable areas, please keep your valuables with you all the time.
5. This may be common sense but, if you are unfamiliar with an area, please avoid walking around alone at first until you made sure the area is safe.
6. Read about safety of your destination beforehand. Safety information includes environmental threats (natural disasters, dangerous animals, public hygiene and diseases, crime, etc.).