

# VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESOURCES FOR CURTIS TRAVELERS ABROAD

## U.S. GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

[Embassy or Consulate](#)

[U.S. Consular Assistance to U.S. Victims of Crime](#)

U. S. State Department Emergency Numbers

From the U.S. & Canada 1-888-407-4747

From Overseas +1 202-501-4444

## INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES & SUPPORT SERVICES (NOT AFFILIATED WITH CURTIS)

[Sexual Assault Help and Support for Americans Abroad \(SASHAA\)](#): Phone, email or live chat with staff in the Crisis Center: SASHAA Provides sexual assault prevention and response regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or location worldwide.

[Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network \(RAINN\)](#): Toll-free 24/7 hotline for sexual assault counseling and referrals: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673). RAINN also offers a hotline that provides live, secure, anonymous crisis support for victims of sexual violence, their friends and families over RAINN's website. The online hotline is free of charge and available 24/7.

[International Directory of Domestic Violence Agencies](#): Global list of abuse hotlines, shelters, refuges, crisis centers and women's organizations, plus domestic violence information in over 90 languages.

[U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women](#): Information about local sexual assault victim assistance coalitions.

## SUPPORT AT HOME

Sometimes, students don't want to talk about an experience with sexual violence, relationship violence or stalking abroad until they return to campus. In this case, know that we are here for you. Also, you may call or email one of the Curtis Counselors. (See page 16 in the [Student Wellness Guide](#).)

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Before you go, familiarize yourself with your host culture's attitudes towards gender roles, ethnicity, sexual orientation, race, and different religions.

Laws and systems of justice are not universal. Sexual assault and domestic violence may be handled very differently from the United States.

Be aware that perpetrators of abuse and harassment often prey on people who they perceive to be vulnerable. If you look lost or uncomfortable, or if you are incapacitated by drugs or alcohol, you may be a more likely target.

Trust your instincts. If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, it is probably for a good reason.

Remember that sexual violence, relationship violence and stalking is never the fault of the victim.