Miami University provides unique opportunities for students to gain an understanding of the world and find their place within it, as faculty are engaged in issues of global significance in locations around the world.

The Miami University Global Assistance Program supports travelers in a well-coordinated, collaborative effort, with experts from within the university, as well as contracted providers and specialists in the field.

Whether you are a student, parent, faculty or staff member, the Global Assistance Program website is a resource designed to assist you. MiamiOH.edu/globalassistance

Safe and healthy travel is the goal of the Miami University Global Assistance Program. We are here to assist faculty, staff, students and their families in planning for and practicing healthy and secure travel.
CHANCES ARE, YOUR TRAVEL WILL BE SAFE AND INCIDENT-FREE. However, travelers can become victims of crime, or experience unexpected difficulties. There are many things that you can do to ensure your safety and well-being in travel. Miami’s Global Assistance Program offers practical advice, such as...

- Try to fit in – don’t stand out and try to attract attention while avoiding possible target areas. American logos on your belongings or clothing, especially athletic wear, will announce you as a tourist, and perhaps, a target.
- Be aware of your surroundings – avoid deserted areas, and exercise caution in crowds. Avoid impaired judgment due to excessive consumption of alcohol, as it can decrease your awareness of what is happening around you.
- Be a smart traveler – avoid arriving late at night in cities you are not familiar, and have access to a reliable guidebook with resources. Let your family, friends, or program director know your general itinerary when you are traveling and develop your own emergency action and communication plan.

THE GLOBAL LANDSCAPE IS EVOLVING AND RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH UNPREDICTABLE EVENTS ARE ALWAYS PRESENT. There are simple steps you can take to increase your security while traveling, and Miami’s Global Assistance Program staff can assist you in developing a plan. Your plan might include...

- Reading about the security situation and local restrictions and customs in your travel destination.
- Learning the important police, consulate, and emergency numbers in the location, and knowing how to make an international phone call from the country of travel.
- Making copies of your passport or other ID and keeping a copy in your luggage, and leaving one with someone at home.
- Purchasing insurance that will cover lost or stolen belongings, and unexpected changes to your travel itinerary.
- Accessing funds via a friend or family member at home.

PREPARING FOR TRAVEL REQUIRES ATTENTION TO YOUR HEALTH. Follow the recommendations of your personal physician, in addition to purchasing supplemental health insurance, and reviewing the health conditions and medical resources in the location of travel. Miami’s Global Assistance Program can assist travelers with questions, provide referrals to health related travel information, and for international travelers, connect you with the required and recommended health care insurance to support you in the abroad location.

HTH Worldwide Insurance – Miami University requires student international travelers to purchase HTH insurance prior to travel. The supplemental health, injury, and evacuation coverage provides health care management, referrals, health or safety evacuation, and health care services abroad, often without cost at the time of service.

Resource Referrals – To learn about your specific location and the health care related issues, Miami’s Global Assistance Program staff experts can provide referrals to the information you need.

Protect your health while traveling

Wash your hands with soap and clean water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner before you eat, after you cough or sneeze, and after you use the bathroom.

In developing countries, be careful about food and water: eat fully cooked food that is served hot or fruits and vegetables you can wash or peel yourself. Drink only bottled, sealed water or water that has been boiled, and avoid ice.

MiamiOH.edu/globalassistance is YOUR resource for travel health, safety, and security information during all phases of travel.