



SAFER TRAVELS

“One destination is never a place, but always a new way of seeing things.”

—Henry Miller

THE BASICS

- Students traveling abroad are at a higher risk of sexual assault than students at home
- Consumption of alcohol or other psychoactive substances increases risk
- Separation from home and support for a substantial period of time can have impacts on mental health and well being
- Sexuality and gender norms are expressed differently in each community
- Cultural norms will dictate dating and social behaviors, expectations, and etiquette
- Laws pertaining to gender violence can differ in each community
- Effects of gender violence can be compounded by isolation, cultural barriers, and lack of familiarity in the area

RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURES

“Are you safe?”

“I believe you”

“How can I help”

“Thank you for sharing with me”

COUNTRY: CHINA

- Political involvement of women is low
- Equal access to contraception materials and information
- Abortion is accessible upon request, however tends to be sex-based
- 28/31 provinces have anti-domestic violence laws, but not well implemented
- The All-China Women’s Federation is working to pass stronger legislation (pending)
- Many crisis services established, yet inadequately maintained
- Rape is a federal crime, yet marital rape is not included
- Migrant women more vulnerable to sexual assault
- UN Survey found that 22.2% of men surveyed admitted to committing sexual assault in their lifetime and the most common motivation was sexual entitlement
- Trafficking and sexual exploitation of women has been a significant problem

RESOURCES

Cal Poly Safer

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🖥️ safer.calpoly.edu

☎️ 805.756.2282

Toll Free 24-HR Crisis Line*

RISE

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✉ contact@RISEslo.edu

🖥️ riseslo.org

☎️ 855.886.RISE(7473)*

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International Center

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SASHAA

Sexual Assault Support and Help for Americans Abroad

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☎️ 866.879.6636*

SAFER TRAVELS PLAN

- Know yourself: Reflect on Expectations
- Know your surroundings: Local Resources, cultural norms and behavior
- Develop a Support Network: Back Home and Abroad
- Have a Game Plan (Before the plane and before the door)

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