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# Emergency Response Scenarios

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# US Deaths Abroad – Non-Natural Causes

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/statistics/deaths.html>

| CAUSE            | TOTAL        | %           |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| MV Accident      | 3410         | 29%         |
| Homicide         | 2187         | 19%         |
| Suicide          | 1668         | 14%         |
| Other Accident   | 1458         | 13%         |
| Drowning         | 1515         | 13%         |
| Disaster         | 204          | 2%          |
| Air Accident     | 349          | 3%          |
| Drug Related     | 299          | 3%          |
| Terrorist Action | 366          | 3%          |
| Maritime         | 127          | 1%          |
| Execution        | 18           | 0%          |
| Train Accident   | 8            | 0%          |
| Armed Conflict   | 4            | 0%          |
| Hostage Related  | 2            | 0%          |
| Unknown          | 12           | 0%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>11627</b> | <b>100%</b> |

January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2016

**You are with students in a secondary city 4 hours by train from the capital. While on site, a major terrorist event unfolds in the capital city. This event is getting unending news coverage on all U.S. networks as well as around the world. However, nothing has happened where you are. What is the plan?**

# Suggestions

- Call OnCall and notify Campus Safety
- Stay updated on current information
- Discuss a meeting point with students
- Discuss plan with students
- Consult with Consulate/Embassy

**Catherine's friends report to you that Catherine was assaulted while walking home from the local bar.  
What is the plan?**

# Suggestions

- Call OnCall and Sexual Assault Support and Help for Americans Abroad – SASHAA (see Title IX brochure)
- Meet with the student and determine what they want to do and secure medical help if desired and accompany student to health services
- Be informed about local laws re sexual assault
- Report to local authorities anonymously with the student's permission, but know local law
- Report to the local U.S. Embassy or Consulate
- Contact Campus Safety
- Give the student the option to return home

**Robert has a violent stomach virus with abdominal pain. What is the plan?**

# Suggestions

- Call local first responder
- Call OnCall
- Verify the nature of the emergency with a doctor
- Remain with the student in the hospital or clinic
- Contact Campus Safety with nature of the medical emergency, and keep in regular contact until the emergency has passed.
- If the student is not capable and has not signed authorization for you to obtain medical treatment, seek authorization from the student's contact person.  
Remember, you are not the student's legal guardian, but you should try your best to get medical attention for them
- Advise the College if the student does NOT want the emergency treatment recommended



# File an Incident Report

- Keep note of all information to file an incident report
- Important things that may be included are:
  - student's name
  - date of accident or commencement of illness
  - details of injuries, symptoms, present condition, including temperature
  - name and telephone number of attending physician
  - name, address, and number of hospital or clinic, if applicable
  - drugs administered
  - x-rays taken and results
  - surgery proposed

## Sample Incident Report

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Report filed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of incident (country, city, place): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of student(s) and others involved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nature of incident:

|                                                |                                     |                                             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/drugs         | <input type="checkbox"/> Theft      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle accident   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injury                | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral | <input type="checkbox"/> Assault of student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illness               |                                     |                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |                                     |                                             |

Describe the incident. Be as specific as possible, including all details and how you learned of the incident. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Describe action(s) taken, including individuals contacted (police, ambulance, family members, other program participants, U.S. Embassy/Consulate/Consular Agency, etc.). Use additional sheets if necessary.