

# World Orphans Standard Safety Best Practices

## Standard Safety Recommendations and Guidelines

*Applicable at all times and important for minimizing risk.*

- Register with the US Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program.  
*World Orphans does this for all of our teams and travelers.*
- Have travel insurance. *World Orphans does this for all of our teams and travelers - the coverage is post departure and primarily for medical and safety; there is some coverage for lost luggage and travel delay; there is not coverage for being unable to travel after committing to the trip.*
- Always be quick to heed the advice of World Orphans staff and partners.
  - World Orphans Mobilization works with our in-country staff and partners to monitor real time updates. Be willing to adjust plans based on new information.
- Teams always stay together. *(We realize it can be challenging to not be able to walk or run for exercise or to have time alone, but it is not safe for team members to walk alone or even in small groups.)*
- Do not use public ATMs.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid large crowds and demonstrations.
- Follow the instructions of local authorities.
- Avoid being out at night. *(Country specific - defer to instructions of World Orphans Mobilization and in-country staff/partners.*
- Always/only use the transportation that has been arranged for your trip. Do not use public transportation.
- Do not display signs of wealth, such as wearing expensive watches or jewelry.
- Keep a low profile.
  - Dress conservatively (no shorts, no tank tops)
  - Leave your exercise routine at home, if you are unable to do it indoors, there will not be space to safely/appropriately exercise.
  - Act conservatively/quietly to avoid bringing unnecessary attention to the team.
    - Avoid taking lots of pictures, selfies.
    - Avoid raising your voices and disruptive conversation levels.
    - Be mindful about how you can blend in - not drawing attention to yourselves.
    - Take cues from and follow your local leader and be observant of his/her behavior in regards to interacting with nationals.