

University Travel

A risky business!

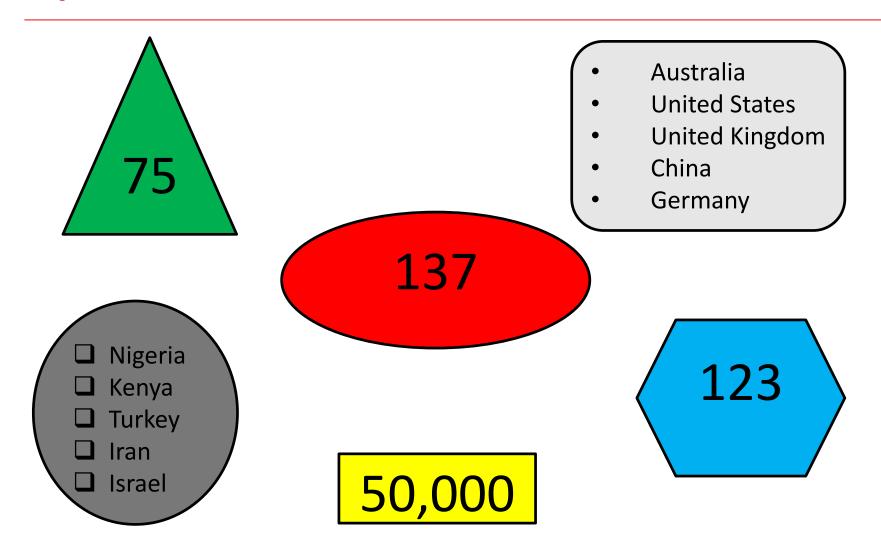


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By the Numbers





Travel Risks — there are many!

Examples include:

- Air travel (accident, airport security, loss of baggage)
- Personal Accident
- Theft
- Country Disturbance/Unrest/Terrorism
- Unforeseen delay in a foreign city
- Mass outbreak of contagious disease
- Weather event
- Local country specific threat





Travel Risks - ... and another!

Kidnap Risk

The statistics:

- □ >30,000 kidnaps occur each year; many go unreported
- ☐ The number of foreign nationals kidnapped in Middle East and Africa have outnumbered Latin America in recent years
- ☐ 50% of kidnaps resolved by ransom payment
- ☐ Less than 10% of hostages are killed or die

Why UC staff and students might be targets:

- Appear to be lost (in unfamiliar surroundings)
- Perceived as having wealth (western clothing, gear)
- High profile/visibility (stand out from the crowd)







Global terrorism is a very real and active threat



UC's Travel Risk Assessment

Risk Reduction:

travel insurance, high/extreme risk application process

Risk Readiness:

travel briefings, education for travel coordinators, tools

Response:

TMC, Insurer, Emergency/Security Provider to facilitate

assistance on the ground

Outreach to UC Community

Recovery:

lessons learnt, service improvements





Travel Monitoring

Official government advice for New Zealanders living and travelling overseas.
 Publishes travel and safety information: including information about extreme risk and high risk destinations plus travel advisories, through its www.safetravel.govt.nz website.



 Official government advice for Australians living and travelling overseas <u>http://smartraveller.gov.au/</u>

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EVERY TRAVELLER - EVERY TRIP

Foreign and Commonwealth Office – UK https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

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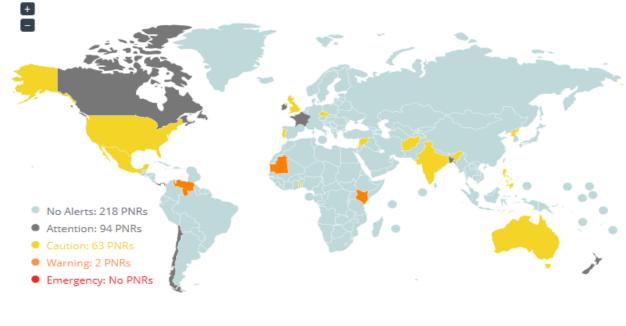
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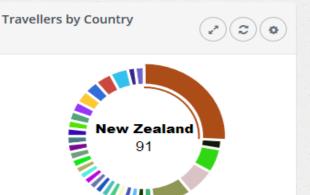
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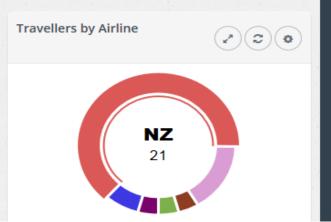






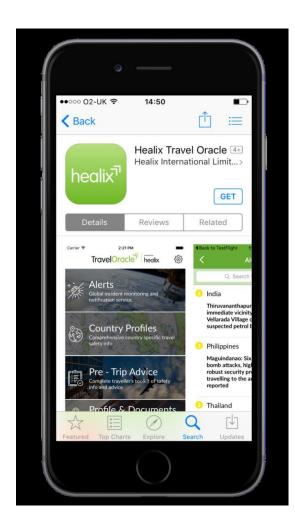








Travel App – one example









Travel Registration

MFAT urges Kiwis to be like E.T.

By Eveline Harvey

3:08 PM Tuesday Aug 2, 2016

Kiwis are being urged to register their travel plans with New Zealand authorities before they head overseas so they can more easily be contacted in case of an emergency.

Recent terror attacks in Europe and Turkey – both popular destinations for New Zealand travellers – highlight the importance of registering your globetrotting intentions as soon as you book your holiday, says Lyndal Walker, consular divisional manager at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).



Registering your travel plans on the Safe Travel website is a good idea - but don't forget to call your mum while you're away either, says MFAT. Photo / iStock

Travellers can register via the ministry's Safe Travel website,

which has recently been optimised for mobile devices. There's also a <u>Safe Travel Facebook page</u> where travellers can keep tabs on MFAT's latest travel advisories.



Local Embassy Location

 Record in mobile phone the street address and contact details for the nearest embassy for home country.



 If the Embassy is closed by a terrorist threat, an emergency phone number and email address will be posted on the website.
 An after-hours Consular Duty Officer will also be on duty.



Travel Risks - ... and one more!

Fieldwork in a Remote Location

- High/extreme risk destination
- Remote
- Working in isolation
- Familiarity
- Commitment / Passion
- Time pressure to complete research
- External funders
- Case Study Ngel Nyaki Field Station, Nigeria





The team searches the grassland for Carapa seedlings. We are investigating how these very large seeds, which have lost their primary disperser, are able to be dispersed so far from their parent tree

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Overlooking the edge of Ngel Nyaki Forest Reserve on the Mambilla Plateau, Nigeria



The field station buildings of the Project





Sometimes Things Go Wrong!



Iloila, Philippines: medical event



Santiago, Chile: mugging



Istanbul, Turkey: military coup



Travel Briefings

- Travel well!
- Keep safe!
- Keep in touch!
- Make good decisions!
- Have a great experience!









Keep Emergency Contact Details Close

- Carry a charged phone at all times and load it with all vital contact details
 - Your own
 - Family
 - UC
 - Accommodation
 - University Campus address
 - Insurer Emergency Assistance







Keep In Touch

- Have a plan for touching base with family.
- If you get caught up in a critical incident, get in touch with your family and with UC as soon as you are safe.
- Let UC know if your travel plans are changing.
- Let UC know if you want to come home and we will assist you.



Personal Travel Insurance: Kiwi Counts High Cost of His Misadventure





- While on holiday in Thailand, a taxi knocked Sean Kenzie off his scooter.
- The scooter's handlebars broke his jaw in 26 places, and crushed his teeth. He smashed his knee, ruptured a kidney and punctured his lungs which later collapsed.





