

# INTERNATIONAL LIFE SAVING FEDERATION

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## ILS POLICY POL 26

### ILS TRAVEL ADVICE POLICY

#### DISCLAIMER

The purpose of the Travel Advice Policy of the International Life Saving Federation (ILS) is to provide information and guidance to help ILS representatives and participants form their own judgements about travelling. While care is taken in preparing this advice, the ILS does not assume any responsibility, including legal responsibility, to those who read this policy and who may choose to take it into account when making any decisions relating to a travel. Neither the ILS nor any ILS Member Federation/Organisation can accept liability for injury, loss or damage arising in any respect of any statement contained in ILS Travel Advice Policy.

#### INTRODUCTION

It is recognised that the activities of the ILS involve individuals travelling for meetings, representations, education, and competition. This travel advice is provided for ILS representatives and participants to maintain health, safety and ensure respectful travel. Health and safety international travel risk information is very dynamic and may change quickly as global health and safety risks unfold. Event specific information will be periodically updated. The authoritative website sources that are referenced, are updated daily.

#### HEALTH

ILS travel participants should have appropriate travel health insurance. Trusted respected information should be reviewed prior to trip planning on the health recommendations for the nation and region involved in your travel. This information is available from the WHO, and national travel health advisory websites. Helpful and trusted websites should be consulted. It is important to understand the health risks of your travel and the availability of health support in the event of illness or health concerns.

Public health and illness management systems vary greatly throughout the world. Travellers should have some familiarity with the quality and scope of health services for visitors, prior to your departure. Taking appropriate prevention strategies prior and during your travels is recommended. If there are travel health advisories/notice, recommendations/precautions and restrictions/warnings, ILS participants should follow those guidelines, including cancelling or moving a meeting, competition or event if the health of the participants is at risk.

For ILS events requiring an urgent assessment and decisions concerning the participant's health risk, the ILS Chancellery will make the decision about event cancellation or transfer to a safe location.

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY

All ILS participants should have a high level of awareness for their personal security during travel. Trusted respected information should be reviewed prior to trip planning on the security and safety risks and recommendations for the nation and region involved in your travel. This information is available from the WHO, and national travel security and safety advisory websites. Some trusted websites are listed below. It is important to understand the security and safety risks of your travel and the availability of support in the event of security and safety concerns.

Visitor security and safety varies greatly throughout the world. General rules to reduce your security and safety risks are available on global and national websites. Taking appropriate strategies during travel are recommended. This may include conservative dress, engaging local guide resources, avoiding attracting unneeded attention to your presence, respecting local laws, customs, beliefs and behaviours.

There is a risk of terrorism throughout the world. The risk of terrorism is higher in some nations and this may warrant advisory/notice or recommendations/precautions or restrictions/warnings in some nations and/or regions of a nation. Consult reliable websites prior and during your travel.

If there are travel security and safety advisories/notice, recommendations/precautions and restrictions/warnings, ILS participants should follow those guidelines, including cancelling or moving a meeting, competition or event if the security and safety of the participants is at risk.

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## **RESPECTFUL TRAVEL**

ILS representatives and participants travelling support the global effort to minimize the negative impact of travel on the environment. ILS representatives and participants understand and respect efforts to end sex tourism and illicit drug trade and use. ILS representatives and participants understand the profound consequences of being accused of illegal activity.

Responsible travellers will review and respect the cultural beliefs and customs of the nations that they visit. In some nations, drinking alcohol or displaying the effects of alcohol in public is disrespectful and/or illegal. In some cultures, during fasting traditions (i.e. Ramadan) it is disrespectful to eat, drink or smoke in public, for part of the day. Responsible travellers do not display excessive good fortune while visiting low- and middle-income nations.

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