

RISK MAP 2023

Global health & security risks



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MEDICAL RISK RATING DEFINITIONS	LOW MEDICAL RISK	MEDIUM MEDICAL RISK	VARIABLE MEDICAL RISK	HIGH MEDICAL RISK	VERY HIGH MEDICAL RISK
<p>The medical risk map is based on a range of health risks and related factors, including but not limited to: COVID-19 compliance and recovery and prevention measures, infectious diseases, environmental factors linked to climate change, security risk rating, available evacuation data, availability of emergency medical services, cultural and religious medical care, security, quality of pharmaceutical supplies, water, climate, language or administrative barriers.</p>	<p>Quality medical care is available throughout the country. Specialist care, emergency and dental services, and quality prescription drugs are widely available. Low risk of infectious diseases.</p>	<p>Quality medical care is available from selected providers. Reliable emergency services, limited specialist and dental care are usually available. Some risk of food or water-borne diseases. Availability of life-saving infectious disease such as malaria and dengue may be present.</p>	<p>Significant variation of low-to-medium risk. Quality medical care, emergency services, and dental care is available from medical providers in major cities, including prescription drugs. Poor and water-borne infections are common. Potential for infectious disease may occur.</p>	<p>Basic emergency services, medical and dental care may be available. Specialist care is limited and may be costly. A wide range of quality prescription drugs may not be available. Food and water-borne infections are common. Potential for life-threatening infectious disease such as malaria, typhoid and cholera may potentially pose a threat.</p>	<p>Healthcare is almost non-existent or severely overstretched. There may be very limited or no primary care, emergency care or dental services. Quality prescription drugs are not readily available. Food and water-borne infections are common. Potential for life-threatening infectious disease such as malaria and cholera may be potentially present and life-threatening may occur.</p>

SECURITY RISK RATING DEFINITIONS	INSIGNIFICANT SECURITY RISK	LOW SECURITY RISK	MEDIUM SECURITY RISK	HIGH SECURITY RISK	EXTREME SECURITY RISK	REGIONAL VARIATIONS
<p>The security risk rating establishes the threat posed to employees by political violence (including terrorism), organised political (militarised) and other violence, civil unrest, civil war, armed conflict, terrorism, armed conflict, piracy, kidnapping, and other threats, such as the likelihood of civil disobedience, the stability of the government, the effectiveness of the security and emergency services and the country's receptivity to foreign visitors, and its compliance with international standards to impact the overall risk assessment for employees.</p>	<p>States of violence are rare. There is no significant political violence or civil unrest and no infectious or political violence or civil unrest in progress. If terrorism is a threat, groups have limited operational capabilities, and acts of terrorism are rare. Security and emergency services are effective and infrastructure is sound. Transport services are of a high standard with good safety records and only occasional border disruptions. Industrial action affecting essential services is rare.</p>	<p>Violent crime rates are low and civil, industrial or political violence or civil unrest is uncommon. If terrorism is a threat, groups have limited operational capabilities, and acts of terrorism are rare. Security and emergency services are effective and infrastructure is sound. Industrial action and transport disruptions are infrequent.</p>	<p>Periodic political/religious violence, protests, terrorism and/or organised acts of terrorism occur. Travelers and international emergency services may be slow to respond, and acts of terrorism are rare. Security and emergency services are effective and infrastructure is sound. Industrial action can disrupt travel.</p>	<p>Protests are frequently violent and may target or disrupt operations; they may be spearheaded by government forces, including security or law enforcement capacity. Violent crime and terrorism pose significant direct or indirect risks to travelers and international emergency, Government and transport services are barely functional. Large parts of the country are unsafe to visit or may be directly targeted. Certain parts of the country are inaccessible to the traveler.</p>	<p>Government control and law and order may be limited or non-existent across large areas. Serious threat of violent protests and armed groups targeting travelers and international emergency, Government and transport services are barely functional. Large parts of the country are inaccessible to foreigners.</p>	<p>Security Risk Zones are areas within a country where the risk posed by terrorism and international espionage are different from the country's overall risk environment, usually necessitating a different level of preparation.</p>