SAFER TRAVELS

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THE BASICS
- Students traveling abroad are at a higher risk of sexual assault than students at home
- Consumption of alcohol or other psychoactive substances increases risk
- Separation from home and support for a substantial period of time can have impacts on mental health and well being
- Sexuality and gender norms are expressed differently in each community
- Cultural norms will dictate dating and social behaviors, expectations, and etiquette
- Laws pertaining to gender violence can differ in each community
- Effects of gender violence can be compounded by isolation, cultural barriers, and lack of familiarity in the area

COUNTRY: ENGLAND
- Domestic violence is not a criminal offense, but falls under other criminal offenses
- 3 Civil Acts that address the issue
- 2014 report by HMIC reveals that police responses to DM was not sufficient
- 29% of women in UK had experienced DV by a current or former partner since age 15 (2012)
- 1 in 4 women in the UK will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes
- Womensaide and Refuge service survivors in the UK (hotlines)
- LGBTQIA+ Discrimination addressed as early as 1997, but extended under Equality Act of 2010
- High degree of legal and social liberty to LGBTQIA+ community
- Majority of UK citizens support same sex marriage

RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURES
“Are you safe?”
“I believe you”
“How can I help”
“Thank you for sharing with me”

RESOURCES

Cal Poly Safer
Confidential
✉ safer@calpoly.edu
☎ 805.756.2282

Toll Free 24-HR Crisis Line*
RISE
Confidential
✉ contact@RISEslo.edu
☎ riseslo.org
☎ 855.886.RISE(7473)*

Cal Poly
International Center
✉ international@calpoly.edu
☎ international.calpoly.edu
☎ 805.756.1477

SASHAA
Sexual Assault Support and Help for Americans Abroad
✉ crisis@866uswomen.org
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