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: GERMANY

• Sexual harassment prevalent issue in the workplace (58% of women)
• Strong resistance to tackling the issue legislatively
• 8% of sexual assault cases reported to the police
• 40% of women had experienced violence or sexual violence
• 49% of perpetrators were current or former partners
• Penal codes do not adequately define sexual assault as a criminal act
• Marginalized women are at twice as much risk
• Prevalence of physical partner violence is 22%
• Act to Reform the Protection of Victims’ Rights grants victims more rights in criminal proceedings
• Protection Against Violence Act provides protection orders to victims

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

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

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

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