SAFER TRAVELS

“One destination is never a place, but always a new way of seeing things.”

—Henry Miller

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: SWEDEN

• Legislation bars the withdrawal of a DV complaint in effort to protect victims from threats
• “Gross Violation of Integrity” Penal code makes repeated violence to a partner that damages self-confidence punishable
• Government annually funds women’s shelters and organization and counseling centers for respondents
• Migrant women are especially vulnerable
• Men for Gender Equality is an organization that works to shift social norms and masculinity beliefs
• Sexual Offenses Act expanded definition of rape and removed requirement of victim resistance in order to prosecute

RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURES

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

RESOURCES

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

Cal Poly
International Center
✉ international@calpoly.edu
☎ 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
☎ sashaa.org
📞 866.879.6636*

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U.S. Embassy Stockholm
Dag Hammarskjölds Väg 31
SE-115 89 Stockholm
☎ www.se.usembassy.gov
📞 08-783 53 00

*Safety is not guaranteed when calling toll free from a cell phone. Other means of contact are available through the Embassies and Consulates.

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