Undergraduate Travel Registry and Safety FAQs

Q: Am I *required* to register my ND-sponsored international travel? What about travel or side trips while I am abroad on ND-sponsored travel?

A: Yes, you are required to register your Notre Dame-sponsored travel. You are not *required* to register travel within travel or side trips while abroad, but we strongly encourage it so that we can help assist you in the event of an emergency.

Q: Why am I being asked to check the U.S. Department of State website to see if my country of travel is under travel alert or warning?

A: Notre Dame wants its students to have a thorough understanding of safety conditions and risks in the countries to which they travel. Notre Dame defers to the wisdom of the U.S. Department of State in evaluating its ability to authorize and support students in their learning and service opportunities abroad.

Q: Whom do I contact if I am facing a safety or health crisis while abroad?

A: Your on-the-ground contacts (leadership at your host institution, local medical and safety professionals, local consulate or embassy) are your first resources. Notre Dame International also provides several important University resources:

- HTH Worldwide Insurance 24/7 Emergency Line + 610 254 8771 (collect calls accepted)
- 24/7 emergency contact line: **574-339-6154**, which accepts texts and iMessages
- An emergency e-mail address at sos@nd.edu
- Notre Dame Security (+1) **574-631-5555** (remember to use U.S. country code)

Q: In what way is the Notre Dame Travel Registry connected to the U.S. Department of State?

A: Students who are U.S. citizens are required to enroll in the Department of State’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) through the Notre Dame Travel Registry. Non-U.S. citizens are instructed to contact their host country’s equivalent government organization. Upon registering, non-U.S. citizens will be provided with Department of State regional safety and health information through NDI.

Q: My parents have concerns about my safety while studying abroad. Who should they contact?

A: It is the responsibility of the student to communicate directly with parents. Notre Dame International will respect all privacy laws when communicating with parents.
NDI will use its best judgment in informing parents during an emergency or crisis. Additionally, Notre Dame International offers a checklist for parents of students traveling abroad, which is available [here](#).