

Intro Block

Personal Safety and Security Questionnaire

The Foreign Service Institute's Transition Center is updating the mandatory MQ911 Security Overseas Seminar. The update is focused on 1) what best prepares our Foreign Affairs Professionals and Family Members for their personal safety and security responsibilities while serving abroad; 2) presenting content that complements FACT; and 3) making sure we are using the best methodology and modality for this training.

Please complete these questions to help us better understand what personal safety and security knowledge, skills, and attitudes you see lacking in the field. The survey should take no more than **10 minutes** to complete.

We are collecting this information anonymously.

Personal Safety & Security Questions

Which best describes you?

- Direct-Hire Foreign Service
- Direct-Hire Civil Service
- Adult Eligible Family Member (19+ years old)
- Eligible Family Member (13-18 years old)
- Contractor/Personal Service Contractor
- Member of Household
- Locally Employed Staff
- Other:

How many years have you lived/worked overseas with the US federal government (non-military)?

- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16+

In which region is your current post?

- Domestic** (United States of America, outside of the D.C. area)
- National Capital Region** (United State of America, in the Washington D.C. area)
- Western Hemisphere** (WHA: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela)
- Europe and Eurasia** (EUR: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom)
- Africa** (AF: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria,

Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe)

South-Central Asia (SCA: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

Near East (NEA: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen)

East Asia Pacific (EAP: Australia, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nauru, New Zealand, North Korea, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Vietnam)

Are you affiliated with:

Department of State

U.S. Agency for International Development

Department of Commerce

Department of Agriculture

Department of Homeland Security

Other

How would you describe your normal connection to an Embassy or Consulate?

- I/My spouse is posted to either an Embassy or Consulate
- I/My spouse is posted to an Embassy and serves as a regional expert requiring significant travel
- I/My spouse is posted to a town or city without an Embassy or Consulate
- I am domestically posted and spend a significant amount of time on Temporary Duty (TDY) to U.S. Federal Government work locations abroad.
- I am domestically posted and spend a significant amount of time traveling from overseas post to overseas post.
- Other:

To what extent are the following post personnel responsible for your safety and security while serving abroad?

Completely responsible Very responsible Moderately responsible Slightly responsible

Regional Security

| | Completely responsible | Very responsible | Moderately responsible | Slightly responsible |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Regional Security Officer (RSO) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The Ambassador or Principal Officer (AMB, COM, CDA, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Marine Security Guard (MSG) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Local Guard Force (LGF) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Community Liaison Office Coordinator (CLO) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |



To your knowledge, how prevalent are the following overseas safety and security risks at your post:

| | High | Medium | Low | NA/I can't say |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Personal Security | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Sexual Assault | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Cybersecurity | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

| | High | Medium | Low | NA/I can't say |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Surveillance | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Overseas | | | | |
| Residential and Road Safety | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fire Safety | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Evacuations | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Weapons of Mass Destruction | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Anomalous Health Incidents | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Hostage Survival | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Counterintelligence | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Coping in a Crisis | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

What other safety and security risks do you/have you experienced regularly?

What safety and security risks/situations do you wish you were better prepared for?

What safety and security risks would you like to learn more about?

In the past 24 months, what resources have you used to prepare and/or be informed about security risks at Post? Check all that apply:

- Regional Security Officer (RSO) communications
- Management Office (MGT) communications
- Community Liaison Office (CLO) trainings/programs
- Foreign Service Institute (FSI) training
- Non-Government resources
- Other:

Story Solicitation

We need your help to present real-world personal safety and security incidents to our newest colleagues. We all know that there is a robust network dedicated to protecting our personnel and infrastructures overseas; however, everyone plays a pivotal role in their own safety and security. What lessons have you learned about personal safety and security as you've traveled the world? Have you experienced a pivotal personal safety or security incident? **Would you be willing to share your story?**

(please note that if you do decide to share your story, we will collect information that makes this survey no longer anonymous)

- Yes
- No
- Contact me

First Name:

Email Address (does not have to be a state.gov email):

Briefly describe your personal safety and security story including how you were prepared for this incident and your lessons learned:

Would you be willing to meet with educators at the Foreign Service Institute to share more about your story?

- Yes
- No

Would you be willing to work with FSI professionals to document or record the recounting of your personal security safety and security story for training purposes?

Yes

No

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