

# Course Description

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## Introduction

The goal of this course is to help international travelers arm themselves with educational tools and resources to effectively avoid risks, get help and home safely

### **Travel HEROES Safety Certification** Online, Self-paced

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It is human nature to hope and believe our travel plans will go smoothly, but we often fail to prepare for lost money, passport problems, illnesses and other health emergencies. Welcome to the first consumer-driven, online course devoted to travel safety. Travel HEROES is a step-by-step guide to help you develop a Travel Safety Plan for your next trip abroad. You will be using relevant websites to find country-specific safety information. Your Travel Safety Plan is a tool that you or your loved ones can utilize during your next global adventure.

## Course Outline & Goals

Students will be able to learn and apply these principles in six succinct chapters that take 10-15 minutes each to complete. Each chapter has six steps:

- Travel challenge - is an animated video case study,
- Safety Briefing - important things you should know and do,
- Expert Testimony - to help you understand the why it is important,
- Prep Steps - to help you get ready to apply learning in real life,
- Power Tools - to show you how to apply prep steps, fun games to reinforce learning, and finally,
- Safety Plan - customizing your strategy and tactics to avoid risks and get help when needed.



The chapters are:

- **Geopolitical Context:** Navigate State Department Consular Affairs and Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) websites to identify country-specific warnings and alerts and ascertain the severity of them (e.g., critical, low).
- **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP):** Learn the value of STEP services and successfully register for STEP before each international trip (e.g., confirming their emergency contacts pass the passport validity rule).
- **Health & Wellness:** Discover resources at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) to identify destination-specific health risks and preventive medicines (e.g., deterrents, shots, orals) to include in your Action Plan, and vital personal medical information in mobile applications.
- **Geography & Housing:** Build a Google MyMap of your destination(s) featuring dangers like animals, rip currents, and crime areas. Locate nearby hospitals, fire and police departments, embassies, airports/evacuation, and your housing and transportation resources.
- **Travel Insurance:** Learn the difference between trip and travel insurance and how to determine the best insurance for your particular excursion.
- **Security & Communications:** Increase your financial security with helpful tips and prepare to use mobile technology to contact local and international agencies and emergency contacts.

Each chapter will begin with a story and relevant information to help learners understand the importance of departing smart. Throughout the course, learners will be provided instructions on how to access and use government websites. Testimonials and mini-games will be included to help students learn in an engaging way. Each chapter will end with a mini-assessment to gauge retention.

## The Travel Safety Plan

As you complete each chapter, you will progressively compile a Travel Safety Plan to guide you through the steps you should take for safer international travel.

## Certification

Successfully completing all of the chapters and your personalized Safety Action Plan earns a Travel HERO Safety Certification. In the near future, we hope to provide perks to certified safe travelers.