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TRAVEL RISK MAP LAUNCHED BY INTERNATIONAL SOS AND CONTROL RISKS

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International SOS has published a Health Risk Map since 2010. The map was renamed to Travel Risk Map for 2016 to take into account the newly added travel security risk ratings. The industry's first integrated medical and travel security risk map for 2016.

The Travel Risk Map displays each country's medical risk rating and travel security risk rating. The result is a comprehensive overview of risks by destination to aid organizations and staff in their travel risk mitigation efforts.

An analysis of international business travel against the Travel Risk Map ratings found that nearly 1 in 3 trips abroad are to countries with a higher medical or security risk rating than the travelers' home country.

A recent Ipsos Global Advisor study asked participants about their concerns and preparations when traveling abroad. The report found that while 8 in 10 travelers have felt their personal safety could be threatened while abroad, less than 4 in 10 travelers research crime at destination, neighborhoods to avoid, safety standards of public transport, or security features of their accommodation before they travel. The study also reported that while 71% of senior executive travelers have experienced a medical problem abroad; only 15% assess adequacy of local healthcare before traveling.

Dr. Myles Druckman, Senior Vice President of Medical Services at International SOS, said: 'We created the Travel Risk Map to help travelers align their pre-trip preparations proportionately with the risks they may encounter in a particular location. Even in countries with a low medical risk rating and state of the art medical services, travelers may still need assistance with language or navigating an unfamiliar health care system "" both of which can be significant barriers to obtaining care.'

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