

To Deans, HoFAs, HOSs, Directors of Research Institutes

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## **Travelling abroad – the risk of terrorist attack**

Please note that:

- (1) The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) is regularly revising the terrorist threat level for all countries including European destinations.
- (2) All work related travel overseas should be subject to risk assessments in the usual way, but recognising current FCO advice, the traveller should keep informed about terrorist activity and warnings. General advice on reducing the risks from terrorism is at <https://www.gov.uk/reduce-your-risk-from-terrorism-while-abroad>

The FCO website should be used as the starting point (<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>) to assess risks from terrorism. In cases where the terrorist risk is high, further advice can be obtained from specialist security services accessible through the University's Insurance Office.

Please be reminded, the risks of overseas travel should be assessed in the normal way, as described in documents in the Safety Office working off campus toolkit at [http://www.healthandsafety.manchester.ac.uk/toolkits/work\\_off\\_campus/](http://www.healthandsafety.manchester.ac.uk/toolkits/work_off_campus/)

There is no change in the University's arrangements that relatively high risk activities requiring "specific" risk assessments may need to be signed off at senior level, in accordance with Chapters [24 \(Fieldwork\)](#) and [16 \(Placements\)](#).

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