

OPSEC

The OPSEC threat exists across a wide range of collection platforms. To help reduce vulnerability:

- ◆ Ensure all personnel, to include Soldiers, civilians and Family members, understand they are not authorized to speak publicly, post information to the internet or other venues, or publicize any information concerning operations/deployment/exercise until formally announced or authorized by Headquarters, Department of the Army and/or USAREUR-AF.
- ◆ Do not discuss exercises or operational information in public areas such as: hotels, airports, trains, rest stops, etc.

Communications Plan while Traveling

Create an easily understood communication plan.

- ◆ Have a plan to make contact.
- ◆ Consider a plan for attendees to call or e-mail a friend/relative in an emergency.
- ◆ Create a quick reference/contact card.
- ◆ Conduct a Google reconnaissance to identify rally points in the event you are separated from your group
- ◆ Identify safe havens
- ◆ Always stay tuned to local media and other available information resources

Name	Information	Number
Medical Emergency		
Police Emergency		
Emergency Services		
U.S. Embassy Emergency after Hours		
MP Desk		
Rally Point(s)		

COVID-19

To help contain the rapid spread of the corona virus (COVID-19), DoD has implemented a number of policies that impact movement. Additionally, many federal, state/province, and local level governments have established restrictions on travel, local movement, and events. Follow chain of command guidance and Host Nation requirements for unofficial travel. The USAREUR-AF home page, USAREUR-AF COVID-19 portal, and Reopen Europe sites contain comprehensive COVID-19 information.

USAREUR-AF Home Page: <https://www.europeafrica.army.mil/>

USAREUR-AF COVID-19 Portal (CAC holders only): <https://intranet.eur.army.mil/hq/g33/cuops/SitePages/Coronavirus%202020.aspx>.

Reopen Europe: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en>

COVID Travel Tips

- ◆ Wash hands frequently with soap or sanitizer
- ◆ Refrain from touching your mouth and nose
- ◆ Keep six feet of physical distance from others
- ◆ Wear a cloth face covering in public
- ◆ Favor public locations which enforce social distancing and require face coverings
- ◆ Use drive-through or curbside services
- ◆ Cover your nose and mouth with a flexed elbow or paper tissue when sneezing or coughing
- ◆ For information and travel guidance on U.S. states and territories consult the CDC site at: <https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html>
- ◆ Review protection measures when conducting personal and social activities at this CDC link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/personal-social-activities.html#hotel>

State Department Travel Advisory Levels

1. Exercise normal precautions
2. Exercise increased caution
3. Reconsider travel
4. Do not travel

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Antiterrorism Operations Begin with You!

This guide will assist in your travel planning, but it is important to tailor protective measures to your situation.

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Antiterrorism

Credible information indicates terrorist groups continue plotting possible attacks in Europe and Africa. Governments are taking action to guard against terrorist attacks; however, all countries remain potentially vulnerable to attacks from transnational terrorist organizations.

- ◆ Terrorists have previously attacked U.S. interests in Europe and Africa, including the U.S. Embassy, and U.S. Consulates.
- ◆ Terrorist groups continue plotting possible attacks throughout Europe and Africa. Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, local government facilities, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, parks, major sporting and cultural events, educational institutions, airports, and other public areas. Terrorists have also previously targeted Western tourists and expatriates.

Cybersecurity

U.S. citizens traveling overseas are vulnerable to cyber intrusion from many sources. Senior leaders are especially vulnerable because they often carry sensitive data, both personal and business related on a variety of electronic devices, e.g. smart phones, laptops, and tablets. Social media exploitation is always a concern.

Don't wait until a threat strikes

- ◆ Lock devices down
- ◆ Be cautious of public Wi-Fi
- ◆ Disable auto-connect
- ◆ Minimize location sharing
- ◆ Install anti-virus protection
- ◆ Update operating systems
- ◆ Update passwords
- ◆ Disable Bluetooth connectivity

REMEMBER

Avoid using public services equipment – such as phones, computers and fax machines – for sensitive communication.

Civil Demonstration

Demonstrations occur regularly in Europe. Large, public demonstrations take place for a variety of political and economic issues, or on politically significant holidays like German Labor Day (May 1) and during international summits. Demonstration organizers must obtain prior police approval, and police routinely oversee participants. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. Avoid areas around protests and demonstrations.

- ◆ Check local media for updates on the situation and traffic advisories
- ◆ Avoid demonstrations and gatherings, as they may become violent and unpredictable.
- ◆ Celebratory gunfire is common in some areas, e.g. Turkey and has sometimes resulted in death.
- ◆ Follow local authorities instructions, police may take action to disperse the group, including possibly using teargas or detaining participants, even when the government has approved gatherings.

Counterintelligence

Traveling abroad? Planning on taking your technology with you? Here are a few tips recommended by the Director of National Intelligence.

- ◆ **Privacy doesn't exist for you:** You should have no expectation of privacy, especially in internet cafes, hotels, offices or public places.
- ◆ **You are a target:** The U.S. isn't the only country with a formidable signals intelligence (SIGINT) and counterintelligence (CI) capability.
- ◆ **Location, Location, Location:** Security services (and many of your apps) can track your location electronically.
- ◆ **Malware, the gift that keeps on giving:** Text messages or video messages with links—Don't Click!
- ◆ **Pre-Travel Prep:** Make sure you leave with a trusted family member, or friend/colleague a copy of your itinerary, photocopies of your passports (and carry these with you as well), copies of all the "cards" in your wallet/purse – if it is stolen, you have a head start on what needs to be replaced.

Crime

Crime is prevalent in many areas of Africa. While violent crime is rare in Europe, it does occur in larger cities or high-risk areas such as large metropolitan subway systems and train stations, primarily during late night or early morning hours. Most incidents of street crime involve the theft of unattended items and pick-pocketing, and occur at train stations, on public transportation, at tourist attractions, and at large public events. Pay close attention to your valuables at all times.

- ◆ Be cautious and aware of your surroundings
- ◆ U.S. citizens should exercise caution when congregating in known expatriate hangouts
- ◆ Seemingly racially-motivated assaults (because of foreign appearance) against U.S. citizens have occurred.
- ◆ Don't buy counterfeit or pirated goods, even if widely available. They are illegal to bring into the U.S., and you could be breaking local law.

Training

- ◆ AT Level 1:
<https://jko.jten.mil/courses/atl1/launch.html>
- ◆ SERE 100.2:
<https://jkodirect.jten.mil/Atlas2/page/login/Login.jsf>
- ◆ ISOPREP (See Security Manager)
- ◆ Smart Traveler Enrollment Program:
<https://step.state.gov/step/>
- ◆ Complete APACS:
<https://apacs.milcloud.mil/apacs/>

Understand the Threat

It is necessary to have a good understanding of the threat situation to guide your individual protection efforts. Visit <http://www.eur.army.mil/StaySafe/> for current information and updates.