

Overview:

This lesson plan will challenge participants to prepare for emergencies before they study abroad. They will identify the risks associated with crime, safety, and health and develop a plan for mitigating those risks.

Background and Information:

Emergency Preparedness is created by C. Sheldon and Anthony Ogden, Associate Vice Provost for Global Engagement at the University of Wyoming. It is uploaded to the UK Education Abroad Faculty Toolkit (see citation below).

Objectives:

As a result of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. "Identify potential health and safety risks associated with international travel."
2. "Practice responding to health and safety emergencies that may occur while abroad and to evaluate these responses."
3. "Develop a comprehensive program-specific, emergency response plan" (Sheldon & Ogden, 2009).

Time:

3 hours

Group Size:

Small group

Materials:

Copies of the Emergency Preparedness Handout (both in [Links](#) and [Downloads](#)).

Intercultural Development Continuum Stages:

- Denial
- Polarization
- Minimization
- Acceptance

AAC&U Intercultural Knowledge and Competence Goals:

Curiosity:

- To ask complex questions about other cultures.
- To seek out and articulate answers to these questions that reflect multiple cultural perspectives.

Knowledge of Cultural Worldview Frameworks:

- To demonstrate sophisticated understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs & practices.

Other Skills:

Teamwork

Links to Activity Instructions:

- [Emergency Preparedness instructions on the UK Education Abroad Faculty Toolkit](#)

Related Tools:

Tools to use in conjunction with this activity:

- [Describe-Analyze-Evaluate \(D-A-E\)](#)
 - Participants can use this framework to help them analyze risks.
- [Emotional Resilience Worksheet](#)
 - Participants can use this worksheet to help them identify their stressors. Then, they can create a plan to help ease their worries.

Similar tools:

- [Study Abroad Advice Card Game](#)

Related assessment tools:

- [Curiosity and Exploration Inventory \(CEI-II\)](#)