

TRAVEL SAFETY 101: CHOOSING SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION



Why do you need this information?

Monash travellers must choose accommodation that is secure, comfortable and convenient. This guide will help you to consider the risk factors of your destination, know what good security features look like, book safe accommodation in high risk areas and balance your budget with your safety.



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Risk factors of your destination

Before you explore accommodation options, understand the risks of your specific travel destination by checking [DFAT Smartraveller](#).

- Keep in mind that even if the overall country has a low DFAT Smartraveller rating, your exact location may have its own increased risks;
- consider the risk level of crime, terrorism and natural disasters in your location; and
- be wary of what your individual demographics risk considerations may be (i.e. gender)



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Look out for security features

Check out the security features available, which can vary greatly depending on the type of accommodation you choose. Use the list below as a checklist when making your decision:

Comprehensive CCTV coverage

- Security personnel or 24/7 concierge
- Restricted keycard or electronic entry systems
- In-room safes, secure locks on doors and windows



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Accommodation in high-risk locations

Choosing safe accommodation in high-risk locations can significantly reduce risks during your trip. Consider the below:

- Select accommodation in central areas, avoiding government buildings or embassies that may be targeted in locations with civil unrest;
- ensure that the accommodation has strong visible security measures; and
- preference rooms between the 3rd and 7th floors in tall buildings



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Balance your budget with safety

The costs of travel have increased significantly, if you are staying in a major city, expect *appropriate* accommodation to be expensive. Remember the following:

- Staff are not permitted to share rooms with a colleague, students or business associates
- For Airbnbs, you must book the entire residence and it must be in a low risk location
- If your budget is being stretched, consider shortening the length of your trip or choosing an alternative location to conduct your business