



Travel Advisory & Safety Information for Mission Trips

Currently, the U.S. State Department has designated Haiti as a Level 4: Do Not Travel destination. However, this advisory does not extend to the Dominican Republic, which remains at Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution. In response to regional tensions, the Dominican government has increased police presence and security efforts, particularly in tourist areas.

At GO Ministries, the safety of our mission teams and local partners is a top priority. We work closely with trusted local leaders who have a deep understanding of Dominican culture and community dynamics. They help us assess any potential risks and identify areas that may not be safe. While we plan our team itineraries weeks in advance, we remain flexible and may adjust plans if safety concerns arise in specific locations.

Most safety issues involving tourists occur when individuals leave secure areas or ignore safety guidelines. To minimize risks, GO Ministries requires all participants to follow our established agenda and safety protocols, which are designed with your well-being in mind.

These include:

- Staying aware of your surroundings at all times
- Only entering areas approved by your team facilitator
- Remaining with your group and never wandering off alone
- Avoiding flashy jewelry or valuables
- Being mindful of the climate and the remoteness of your work area
- Performing only assigned tasks using the tools provided

While we do everything we can to ensure a safe experience, it's important to acknowledge that mission trips may involve some inherent risks depending on the location and nature of your work.

If you have specific questions or concerns, please reach out to your team leader, who can direct your inquiry to the appropriate person.

Thank you for your commitment and for helping us serve safely and responsibly.