

Personal Safety

- China's violent crime rate is low **BUT** be cautious and vigilant in the same way as you would in any large city around the world.
- It's rare, but attacks may occur randomly



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- Do not travel alone, if possible
- Pay attention to your surroundings, especially when in unfamiliar areas
- Avoid large demonstrations or protests
- Carry only as much cash as is absolutely necessary
- Store the currency in multiple locations on your person
- Avoid walking alone in dark alleys or areas at night
- Keep handbags zipped/locked **and** held close to the front of your body or hands on wallets in jeans

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- Petty crime and sexual harassment may occur on buses and overnight trains.
- Rickshaw/pedicab drivers may offer extorted prices especially for foreign women travelling alone and will argue over the price
- Beware unsolicited requests from friendly strangers to “practise English” or to accompany them to an unknown location for a drink (tea or alcohol) or refreshments
- Chinese law requires that you carry a passport or residence permit at all times; Chinese authorities will not accept a photocopy
- Register with your Embassy and keep their number with you.

Bars and Nightclubs

- US Embassy recommended avoiding certain clubs as documented incidents of unprovoked attacks (e.g., Club Latte at the Worker's Stadium)
- Pay attention to your surroundings. If you feel unsafe, leave
- Don't go alone to bars
- Before going to a new bar, find out more about it first. Check reviews in local English publications or with friends that have already been there
- Carry a cell phone at all times
- If you are a victim of a crime or are threatened, seek safety and report crime to the police

De-escalating Conflicts

- Identify potential conflicts and remove yourself. Avoid situations involving people who are drunk, arguing and/or causing a disturbance. Leave the area before they involve you in “their” problem
- Adopt a non confrontational attitude even though you are in the right. Back down to someone in the wrong to avoid physical contact/fights
- If you are a target of attention of a drunken group or individual, or if someone tries to engage you in a fight or challenges you, back away and leave immediately
- Avoid putting others into a situation where they feel challenged and required to act. Be apologetic and indicate no offense was meant
- If you are out with friends or acquaintances who drink to excess, urge them to return home as soon as possible

In an Emergency

- Ring Emergency Police Assistance – 110 (Few English speakers!)
- Call the foreigner's hotline of the Public Security Bureau - (010) 8402 0101, which will help you locate your nearest police station
- **Contact your Embassy**
- If you find yourself a victim of petty crime, such as pick-pocketing, you can either go to your nearest police station or report it via a special hotline of the Public Security Bureau -(010) 6401 1327