

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, ABUJA
SECURITY ADVISORY: NOVEMBER 2025

The High Commission of India wishes to inform that there has been a recent increase in criminal incidents, particularly armed robberies and kidnappings, in Abuja and Lagos. Several such cases have been reported in areas commonly frequented by expatriates, including the armed robbery of a jogger in Maitama by assailants on a motorbike. Local authorities have also recorded a rise in “one-chance” vehicle robberies and kidnappings. In Lagos, recent arrests include that of a commercial taxi driver accused of involvement in multiple robberies and assaults on passengers, especially against women.

2. In light of the prevailing security situation, all Indian nationals are advised to exercise heightened vigilance and take appropriate precautions for their personal safety. Non-essential travel, especially on highways after dark, must be avoided. It is further advisable to refrain from visiting local markets and crowded areas after nightfall. Use only registered or known means of transport, avoid travelling alone and remain aware of your surroundings at all times. Any suspicious activity must be immediately reported to the local police authorities and the High Commission.

3. With the upcoming Christmas and New Year festive season, increased movement and gatherings may elevate the risk of theft, robbery and other security-related incidents. Indian nationals are therefore urged to remain cautious during festive activities, avoid carrying large amounts of cash or valuables and plan inter-city and intra-city travel during daylight hours. The High Commission reiterates the importance of constant alertness and personal security.

4. A list of DO's and DON'T's is attached for ready reference. In case of any emerging crisis or trouble, or if you have any information to share, please contact the Indian High Commission at Abuja or the Consulate of India in Lagos at the following contact points: -

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SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS - DO's AND DON'T's

DO's

- Keep your identity papers handy, to be shown to security personnel when asked.
- Keep telephone numbers and contact details of your friends, neighbours, local police station and Indian High Commission handy.
- Avoid traveling alone at night and ensure valuables such as cash, laptops, cell phones, bags etc are kept out of sight.
- Keep vehicle doors locked and windows always rolled up while driving, especially in traffic jams or at traffic lights.
- Try to use main roads and avoid taking side roads at night.
- Keep in regular touch with the local Indian Association to obtain updates on the prevailing security situation. Follow news reports and be alert to developments.
- Stocks of essential items, i.e., food stuff, water, medicines and fuel should be kept, to enable sustenance in case the security situation deteriorates.
- Inform your co-workers, friends/ relations about your movements so that in case there is a crisis then alert can be sounded.
- Do keep your passport valid for travel in emergencies.
- Telephone numbers of NOK and your Blood Group should be accessible.
- It is better to venture out in groups, if required, rather than alone.
- Do try and use personal company vehicles instead of local taxis.
- Avoid travelling to areas affected by Terrorism and Banditry, especially, the North Eastern and North Western regions of Nigeria.
- Do follow your employer's security advice, make sure your accommodation is secure and review your security measures regularly.

DON'T's

- Do not rely on unknown persons or strangers.
- In case of a crisis do not venture out and remain inside your house or campus till the situation has improved.
- Do not travel alone, especially at night.
- If unsure, then do not share your travel details with strangers. Avoid large crowds and public demonstrations as they can turn violent unexpectedly and at short notice.
- Avoid going to crowded local marketplaces, especially after last light.
- Avoid ostentatious display of wealth.
- Do not get into arguments with the locals, better to walk away from a developing dangerous situation.