

Project Shine Security Policy

General

1. All participants should strictly follow Chinese law. If any individual should break any Chinese laws at any place or time during the trip, all consequences will be borne by the individual in question, and he/she may be sent home at their own expense.
2. During the trip, when asking a question to locals about local issues or daily life, please refrain from using Canadian, North American or Hong Kong standards when judging something and/or offering criticism.
3. Whether in public or private, refrain from judging local lifestyles and habits or the shortcomings of local leaders. This is not the platform to discuss sensitive political topics either, and political discussion is strictly forbidden on this trip.

Social Media /Emails /Text /Conversations

1. Always assume that any email or text you send or receive while in China is downloaded and opened/saved by someone else other than you. Please keep these regulations in mind for when you email back home and also in conversation with the local Chinese / Team members in public.
2. Do not criticize China's government or policies, politics or mention national leaders (past or present) or forward websites or articles or other resources that mention China, its current or past events, or its leadership.
3. **Be extra careful** about your conversation with government officials and teachers. Even telling an inappropriate joke at the wrong time may compromise the working relationship between CRRS and the locals.
4. **Blocked Websites and Apps in China** – Be prepared that you won't have access to all google apps (gmail, google drive, google play...etc), YouTube, Vimeo, Spotify, Facebook, Instagram, twitter, Snapchat, What's app, Skype, Yahoo, BBC, CNN, Snapchat and more. See an updated list here - <https://www.travelchinacheaper.com/index-blocked-websites-in-china>. Unless you download VPN ahead of time.

Refrain from Religious Proselytization

1. Chinese law prohibits any form of religious conversion, whether preaching, handing out pamphlets, or singing religious hymns in any space not specifically set up for religious services. Everybody must be extremely careful not to break this law despite of your own personal religious beliefs. Missionary works through poverty relief and education are not allowed.
2. A bible is permitted to be packed for personal use only. Please do not bring any extra copies of bibles or religious materials, as this is illegal.
3. Do not mention missions, missionary, evangelism, witnessing, giving out Bibles, China's churches...etc. Use code language if you do so like "Heavenly love", "The FATHER", "The Book"...etc.
4. Do not mention opportunities to discuss spiritual matters with students.
5. Limit Christian language/Bible verses to talking about your own spiritual life (though it is OK to email prayer requests such as you are sick and you need healing...etc).
6. If in doubt, always err on the side of caution. You will have plenty of chances to talk about your experiences in terms of spirituality and God-sightings when you get back to Canada.

Government of Canada (on Traveling in High Risk countries)

<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/cyber-safe>

Assumptions when traveling

No device can be protected against all possible forms of system and information compromise, especially when its members travel to countries that are deemed as high risk. So, we must assume that any device taken to a high risk country will be compromised in some, potentially undetectable way. The only truly secure option is to refrain from using digital devices when traveling.

Security Considerations

You are subject to the laws governing intellectual property, digital information and encrypted data in the countries that you visit. What is considered legal in one country may not necessarily be considered legal in another. Border agents are legally entitled to conduct search and seizure actions against anyone entering or leaving their countries. Do not take any data into another country that you are not prepared to lose.

Understand the sensitivity of any data you bring or access. In some countries, hotel business centers and phone networks are monitored and in some locations, rooms may even be searched. As a general guideline, assume that there is no expectation of privacy in offices, hotels, Internet cafes, or other public areas.

Cyber Security while traveling

- Unfortunately, cyber-based threats can significantly increase when you are travelling, and devices can easily be compromised or stolen. When you travel, protect yourself by being cyber aware.
- Always use a password on your device.
- Write your name on a visible or accessible part of your device. For example, set up a screen saver that lists your name and local address so that the device can be returned to you if someone finds it.
- Back up data files prior to departure
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Protect your equipment

Protecting the physical security of your devices is just as important as protecting yourself through digital measures. Laptops and smartphones are popular targets for thieves, since they are relatively small and can yield a high profit. A thief can transfer data from your unattended device to a secondary storage device and can upload malicious software to be accessed later.

- Do not let your devices out of your sight. Don't leave your phone charging in a public conference room while you go for lunch or lend your phone to a stranger who needs to make a call.
- Lock up valuable and sensitive electronic equipment when it is not in use.
- Do not leave valuable or sensitive electronic equipment lying around your hotel room.
- Just as you wouldn't wear expensive jewelry in a dangerous area, do not flash your expensive devices.

- Do not rely on “good hiding spots” within a hotel room to secure your equipment. This may be the first time you have seen the room but it is not the first time someone else has seen it.
- When travelling, keep your electronic equipment in your carry-on baggage to avoid potential in-flight loss or damage.