

## Others



**When going swimming in the Pacific Ocean beware of strong currents (Rip Tides).**

- On a regular basis there are no lifeguards available

**As a general rule avoid talking to strangers, especially if they are offering to share something with you, it might be an attempt to rob you.**

**Listen to your host and other locals. They can tell you about do's and don't's.**

**If something happens to you, please turn to the police and file a report. Bring a translator if you do not speak Spanish.**

- The police can follow up on the incident only when you file a report
- If your ID was stolen or lost, you will need the police report for your insurance, and for your Embassy and immigration paperwork

**If you have plans on indulging a little, designate someone to watch over you and keep you safe. Designate a driver to get sure you and your friends set home safely.**

**See your friend having a little too much to drink? Keep an eye on him/her!**

- An intoxicated student is a tempting target for criminals

**\*Dial 911 for the Red Cross and 118 for the national police\***

**Put your safety first at all times!**



In case of emergency  
Keiser Rapid Response System:  
**8711 - 4907**

## Emergencies



If a student or stranger is trying to hurt you or forcing you to drink an unidentifiable substance (in San Marcos)

If you are extremely ill and cannot get to a hospital on your own (as long as you are in San Marcos)

If you are being followed in San Marcos and have taken refuge at a safe spot but you are afraid the ones chasing you will enter the place and hurt you

Your room/house in San Marcos is on fire

The response to these emergencies would be to send a university vehicle to get you and bring you on campus, or to the hospital if needed

Please note that dangerous circumstances that arise from your irresponsible behavior involving alcohol, drugs, or disturbances you created, are not emergencies

If you are sent to jail in "not emergencies" circumstances, contact us. We can call your parents/guardian/ legal representative to notify them, but we will not bail you out nor engage in any sort of negotiations with the police for your behavior

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## Safety in Nicaragua

A quick  
guide to  
help keep  
you safe  
and out of  
harm's way





## Walking Around

### There is Safety in Numbers!

- Travel in groups, especially after dark
- Avoid walking around after 9 p.m.

### Carry a cell phone but hide it, especially if it is a fancy one.

- Do not let others see you talking on the phone in the street.
- Set your phone to vibrate when you are walking around town

### If you suspect that you're being followed, don't be afraid to make a scene.

- Scream, run, and seek help or stop at a place where other people are around and wait until the suspect disappear

### We strongly recommend not wearing fancy jewelry or using expensive electronics when walking around town.

- It makes you an easy and obvious target

### When visiting Managua.

- Be constantly aware of your surroundings
- Do not walk around after dark
- Carry as little as possible especially when using public transportation
- Leave passport and valuables at home, in Nicaragua there is pickpocketing, like anywhere else in the world

### Crime intensifies around holidays

(Easter, Christmas, September 14-15, December 8th) and in popular spots or even beaches.

### Do not exchange money on the street

- You can exchange money at a bank using a passport or an official nicaraguan ID (cédula).
- Or Withdraw from an ATM machine instead

## Transportation



### Do not hitchhike

#### When using bicycle-taxis and mototaxis:

- Use trusted drivers whose numbers are posted at the main gate; you can also obtain information at Student Life
- Always get a good look at your driver and the vehicle, look for any identifiable numbers or features of the vehicle
- Follow your instincts! Don't ride with suspicious-looking drivers
- Be alert and aware of the route you're traveling.
- Be attentive so that you can see any upcoming obstacles and are able get off quickly in an emergency
- Have more than one friend accompany you if you're traveling to another side of town

### When taking a taxi be cautious:

- Make sure the taxi has a red bordered license plate and the number is repeated on all sides of the car
- Note the driver's name and license
- We recommend paying in local currency using small bills
- Avoid using a taxi by yourself and be constantly aware of what the driver is doing and where he is taking you
- Ask Student Life staff for recommendation on reliable taxi drivers

### Beware of "Express kidnappings." You can avoid it, when you know how it works:

- You are approached on a conversation by a stranger on a bus, taxi, or at a bus terminal/airport
- This person may seem real nice. Later he/she offers to share a ride in a private car or taxi Never accept this!
- The traveller then is held up with a gun or knife and threatened to be injured. You might be forced to give out your credit/debit card and pin number and then driven around to several ATM machines to withdraw money

