Uganda – Level 2: Exercise increased caution in Uganda

Exercise increased caution in Uganda due to crime.

Violent crime, such as armed robbery, home invasion, and sexual assault, is common, especially in larger cities including Kampala and Entebbe. Local police lack the resources to respond effectively to serious crime.

Read the Safety and Security section on the Country Information page.

If you decide to travel to Uganda:

Do not physically resist any robbery attempt.

Food and drinks should never be left unattended in public especially in local clubs.

Remain with a group of friends in public.

Use caution when walking or driving at night.

Keep a low profile.

Carry a copy of your passport and visa (if applicable) and leave originals in your hotel safe.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on Facebook and Twitter.

U.S. citizens who travel abroad should always have a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler’s Checklist.