

# CZECH REPUBLIC RISK ASSESSMENT



## City & Country

Prague, Czech Republic

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### Before you go –

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office provides travel advice by country. It covers safety and security, local laws and customs, entry requirements, health and natural disasters along with a host of other useful information. We strongly recommend that students read the section related to their destination prior to departure and before undertaking any trip to another part of the county/region.

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/travel-advice-by-country/>

### VISA REGULATIONS

British citizens don't need a visa to enter the Czech Republic. If you have another type of British nationality (eg British Overseas Citizen) or another nationality altogether, you may need a visa. Contact the Embassy of the Czech Republic in London for further information. \*\*\*Please note that due to Brexit, these regulations are subject to change. Keep up to date with the information provided on the FCO website\*\*\*

### HEALTH

If you're visiting the Czech Republic you should get a free European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before leaving the UK. The EHIC isn't a substitute for medical and travel insurance, but it entitles you to state provided medical treatment that may become necessary during your trip. Any treatment provided is on the same terms as Czech nationals. The EHIC won't cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, so you should make sure you have adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. \*\*\*Please note that due to Brexit, these regulations are subject to change. Keep up to date with the information provided on the FCO website\*\*\*

Type	Nature of the Hazard	Procedures to Minimise Risk
<b>CRIME</b>	<p>Most visitors to the Czech Republic experience no difficulties but you should be aware of street crime and petty theft, particularly in Prague.</p> <p>Petty theft is a problem, especially in major tourist areas in Prague. Try to avoid busy carriages on the metro and trams, which are favoured by pickpockets. There is also a risk of pick-pocketing on flights from the UK. It is best to keep your passport and valuables with you before and during your flight.</p>	<p>Try to avoid the especially busy carriages on the metro and trams, which are favoured by pickpockets. Make sure you know where your belongings are at all times, particularly while in restaurants, bars and nightclubs. Use the cloakroom if available. Report any thefts in person to the Czech police within 24 hours and get a police report crime number. The Foreigner's Police Station in Prague: Jungmannovo namesti 9, Prague 1, (nearest metro stop is Mustek).</p>
	<p>Beware of bogus plain-clothes policemen, who may ask to see your foreign currency and passport. If approached, don't show your money, but offer instead to go with them to the nearest police station.</p>	<p>If you suspect that you are dealing with a bogus police officer, you can call 158 or 112 to check their identity. No police officer in the Czech Republic has the right to check your money or its authenticity.</p> <p>Every lamppost in Prague has a 6-digit number posted at eye-level. Should you require assistance from the police or emergency services, these codes will help pinpoint your location if you're unable to offer an exact address.</p>

<b>DRUGS</b>	The sale and distribution of drugs is illegal and the drugs are often hazardous counterfeits.	Do not become involved with drugs.
<b>OTHER</b>	Every year there are accidents involving trams.	Take extra care when near tram tracks and make sure you look both ways. Trams can't stop quickly.
<b>HEALTH</b>	Seasonal flooding (normally during the Spring) occurs occasionally in the Czech Republic. Prague was seriously affected by flooding in 2006.	Consult the Ministry of Agriculture website for more information. By selecting 'vstupte' you will view a map of the country which shows, using a traffic light system, where flood warnings are in place on major rivers.
<b>TERRORISM</b>	Although there is no recent history of terrorism in the Czech Republic, attacks can't be ruled out. You should be aware of the global risk of indiscriminate terrorist attacks which could be in public places, including in places frequented by expatriates and foreign travelers.	There is a heightened threat of terrorist attack globally against UK interests and British nationals, from groups or individuals motivated by the conflict in Iraq and Syria. You should be vigilant at this time..

**Please also note and be sensitive to the following:**

- Keep copies of your insurance policy, European Health Insurance Card, ticket details and a 24-hour emergency number in a safe place and leave further copies with family or friends in the UK.

- If you need to contact the emergency services call 112.
- You may be fined if you attempt to cross a road or tram tracks within 50 metres of a designated crossing point (commonly marked by 'zebra' style crossing or traffic lights). You may also be fined if you cross at a pedestrian crossing if the green pedestrian crossing light is not lit.
- You should carry your passport with you at all times for identification purposes as police officers may fine you or arrest you if you fail to do so.
- It is illegal to wear in public places (parks, buildings, public transport, on the street etc) clothing that hides a person's face largely or completely. People wearing such clothing risk a fine of up to €137.50 and/or detention for up to seven days. There is no exemption for tourists.