# MALTA RISK ASSESSMENT

**City & Country** | MALTA  
**Dates of travel** | July 2015 to August 2016  
**Students affected** | Study abroad students going to University of Malta

## 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.


## VISA REGULATIONS

British nationals do not need a visa to visit Malta. If you have a different nationality, please consult the Maltese Embassy in London to check visa regulations. If you intend to work in Malta then you must apply for a work permit.

## HEALTH

If you’re visiting Malta 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 Maltese 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.

## TERRORISM

There is a low threat from terrorism. But you should be aware of the global risk of indiscriminate terrorist attacks, which could be in public places, including those frequented by expatriates and foreign travellers. There is considered to be 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.

## Type | Nature of the Hazards | Procedures to minimise risks
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**Crime** | Crime against tourists is rare although robberies, handbag snatching, pickpocketing and theft from parked cars can occur. | Visitors should safeguard passports, money and other valuables.
**Demonstrations** | The political situation in Libya has resulted in tensions between two offices claiming to represent the Libyan government in Malta. The two buildings are situated near bus stops on Triq L-Abate Rigord in Ta’ Xbiex and Triq L-Imdina in Attard. | Take extra care and avoid large gatherings and demonstrations at these locations.

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| **Swimming** | During the summer, many beaches are patrolled by lifeguards and operate flag safety systems. You should make sure you understand the system and follow any warnings; red flags indicate dangerous or hazardous conditions. You should swim within designated swimming zones and take extra care if there are no life-guards, flags or signs. Follow local advice if jellyfish are present. |
| **Other** | Penalties for possession, use, or trafficking in illegal drugs in Malta are strict and convicted offenders can expect jail sentences and heavy fines. Do not get involved with drugs. |