

READ CAREFULLY –WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration for the upcoming scheduled stay at the Joshua House Missionary Lodge provided for by The Joshua Foundation (“Foundation”)

I, (print traveler’s name) _____, fully understand and acknowledge, appreciate, agree, and intend to be legally bound regarding the following:

1. The risk of injury from travel and volunteer services in Haiti is significant, including the potential for permanent injury and death, and, while my particular skills and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist.
2. I also am fully aware of, have reviewed the text of, and understand the “Travel Warning” issued for travel to, in and from Haiti by the United States Department of State and currently in force as of this date (the “Travel Warning”, attached hereto). Despite the Travel Warning, I have nonetheless decided to engage in travel to Haiti, stay at the Joshua House, Haiti and provide independent volunteer services in Haiti.
3. **I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN**, and assume full responsibility for my travel to and from Haiti and my volunteer services.
4. If I observe any unusual or significant hazard with respect to any of my travel or volunteer services, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of Foundation personnel immediately.
5. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin **HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE FOUNDATION**, its officers, directors, officials, agents, contractors and/or employees, volunteers, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity of the Foundation, with **respect to any and all injury, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property associated with my presence or participation**, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE FOUNDATION or OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE. BY SIGNING THE BOTTOM OF THIS WAIVER, I AGREE THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT. IT IS MY INTENTION TO ACCEPT AND RELIEVE THE FOUNDATION FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE. I SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

The venue of any dispute that may arise out of this waiver and release or otherwise between the parties to which the Foundation or its agents is a party shall be the courts of civil jurisdiction of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Date of trip _____

Age _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

(under age 18 at the time of travel or volunteer services)

This is to certify that I, as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this minor, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of The Joshua Foundation and, for myself, my child and our heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Joshua Foundation from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's travel to or from Haiti and the provisions of volunteer services as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE JOSHUA FOUNDATION, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

DATE _____

Print Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Haiti Travel Advisory

Travel Advisory March 05, 2020

Haiti - Level 4: Reconsider Travel

Do not travel to Haiti due to **crime, civil unrest, and kidnapping**.

Country Summary: Violent crime, such as armed robbery and carjacking, is common. Kidnapping is widespread. Kidnappers may use sophisticated planning or take advantage of unplanned opportunities. Victims have included U.S. citizens.

Demonstrations, tire burning, and roadblocks are frequent, unpredictable, and can turn violent. Local police may lack the resources to respond effectively to serious criminal incidents. Emergency response, including ambulance service, is limited or non-existent.

Travelers are sometimes followed and violently attacked and robbed shortly after leaving the Port-au-Prince international airport. The U.S. Embassy requires its personnel to use official transportation to and from the airport. Robbers and carjackers have attacked private vehicles stuck in heavy traffic congestion and often target lone drivers, particularly women driving alone.

The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in some areas of Haiti. U.S. government personnel are discouraged from walking in most neighborhoods. Only adult family members over the age of 18 are permitted to accompany U.S. government employees assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince. U.S. government personnel in Haiti are prohibited from:

- Visiting establishments after dark without secure, on-site parking;
- Using any kind of public transportation or taxis;
- Visiting banks and using ATMs;
- Driving outside of Port-au-Prince at night;
- Traveling anywhere between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Visiting certain parts of the city at any time without prior approval and special security measures in place.

Read the Safety and Security section on the [country information page](#).

If you decide to travel to Haiti:

- Avoid demonstrations and crowds. Do not attempt to drive through roadblocks.
- Arrange airport transfers and hotels in advance, or have your host meet you upon arrival.
- Do not provide personal information to unauthorized individuals (i.e. people without official uniforms or credentials) located in the immigration, customs, or other areas inside or near any airports.
- If you are being followed as you leave the airport, drive to the nearest police station immediately.
- Travel by vehicle to minimize walking in public.
- Travel in groups of at least two people.
- Always keep vehicle doors locked and windows closed when driving.
- Exercise caution and alertness, especially when driving through markets and other traffic congested areas.
- Do not physically resist any robbery attempt.
- Purchase travel insurance and medical evacuation insurance ahead of time.
- Review information on [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).
- 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](#).
- Review the [Overseas Security Advisory Council](#) report on Haiti.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).

Last Update: Reissued with updates to the Travel Advisory Level and the Crime and Kidnapping risk indicators.