


INTERNATIONAL SOS


**Mexico: Acapulco (Guerrero state): Fatal shooting in upscale Golden Zone reflects HIGH travel risks, need for precautions**

OVERVIEW

 **Level:**

 **Location:**

 **Category:**

 **Active:**

Notice

Acapulco - Mexico

Violent crime

17 Feb 2021 - 17 Mar 2021

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EXPOSURE IN IMPACTED AREA ONLY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Affected cities	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

EXPOSURE BY COUNTRY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Mexico (Medium Risk)	13	17	13	24

A fatal shooting on 14 February in the Golden Zone in Acapulco (Guerrero state) serves as a reminder of the risks posed by violent crime in HIGH travel risk locations, such as Guerrero, and the need to avoid non-essential travel to these areas. One man was killed and another was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire on them at around 05.00 (local time) on [Condesa Beach](#). The victims were tourists from Mexico state and the motive for the shooting is unknown.

MORE DETAIL

Acapulco is one of the most violent cities in the country. Crime-related violence in and around tourist areas has steadily increased over recent years, mainly due to a spike in activity by drug-trafficking gangs operating in Guerrero. Designated tourist areas are more secure than outlying districts, though no area is immune to crime.

Foreigners are rarely targeted in organised crime-related violence, but bystanders face notable incidental risks during shootings and gunfights in public areas. Petty crime continues to pose the main risk to travellers in Acapulco. The lucrative tourist industry attracts pickpockets and also sees muggings, burglaries and car thefts.

WHAT WE ADVISED YOUR PEOPLE


Journeys to HIGH travel risk areas of Mexico, including Guerrero, should be for essential purposes only, and arranged in close liaison with trusted local contacts. Carefully plan all aspects of your itinerary and be confident in accommodation, transport, communication and security arrangements prior to travelling. Maintain a heightened level of awareness at all times and observe standard precautions, including keeping valuables concealed and maintaining a low profile. Avoid unnecessary travel outside of the city's main tourist zones.

Avoid peripheral and suburban neighbourhoods and limit travel on foot after dark.

Crime poses a significant risk in Mexico and criminals are often armed. If accosted, avoid doing nothing to resist or antagonise the assailant.

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