



Bienvenidos a Mexico: Safety Recommendations for Operating in Mexico

Mexico is a vibrant and diverse country. With its rich cultural heritage, significant industrial growth, and strategic geographic position, it's no surprise that Mexico is a highly appealing location, offering abundant opportunities for businesses and travelers alike. However, as with any international venture, navigating a new business landscape requires careful planning and preparation, particularly when it comes to security.

Checklist: Security Considerations for Travelers

To ensure safe and fruitful operations in Mexico, it's essential to understand the local environment and address the location's unique challenges. Vigilance and proactive risk management are key to ensuring the well-being of your personnel and operations.

Please consider the following recommendations as you plan your operations and travel in Mexico:



TRAVEL ADVISORIES

- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to get alerts and help authorities locate you in an emergency — <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>.
- Use Pinkerton's Travel Threat Analysis reports to understand the local security climate of the regions where you intend to visit or establish operations.
- Stay informed of local news and updates.
- Have a clear emergency and exit plan, including medical issues, natural disasters, and security incidents.



TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

- Vet transportation services to ensure the security of personnel and assets.
- Only use vetted transportation to and from airports, hotels, companies, organizations, restaurants, and shopping areas.
- Avoid public transportation (i.e., buses and street taxis).
- Travel with a minimum of two passengers — avoid traveling by yourself.
- Schedule your itinerary for daylight hours.
- Minimize movements outside tourist areas.
- Exercise increased caution when visiting local bars, nightclubs, and casinos.
- Minimize employee exposure to areas with a known criminal/cartel presence.
- Avoid nonessential travel to areas with an extreme or high risk of cartel and gang-related violence. (Ask your local Pinkerton office.)
- If you cannot avoid traveling to high-risk areas under any circumstances, it is advisable to consider Pinkerton executive protection services, having an SOS button, and/or sharing your location with your Pinkerton Security Coordinator.
- Inform someone you trust or someone who will be following up on your trip about your travel plans, including your itinerary and contact details. Regularly update them in case of any changes.
- If you use a ride-sharing app (like Uber or Didi), verify that the license plates of the car match and ensure that the driver's photo matches the one you have in the app. Not all Mexican airports accept ride-sharing apps, so before you arrive confirm with your local Pinkerton office what should be the best and most secure transportation service.
- Plan your route, use your Google Maps or Waze to ensure Uber is following the same route, and ask the driver to follow that route. Write emergency local contacts and phone numbers on a piece of paper and keep it hidden on your person.



PERSONAL SAFETY

- Be vigilant and maintain situation awareness. (Heads up, eyes open. Look for threats when traveling.)
 - Know the Pinkerton Crime Index risk scores for neighborhoods where you plan to conduct business.
 - Choose a reputable hotel. Ask your local Pinkerton office for recommendations of local hotels that have a low incident rate.
 - Do not provide any personal information, especially related to your personal phone at hotels. (Your boss/supervisor is your emergency contact.)
 - Avoid using personal bank debit cards.
 - If you need an ATM, choose ones in well-lit, populated areas, like shopping centers. Check for suspicious devices, cover your PIN, and avoid accepting help from strangers.
 - When withdrawing money from an ATM, try to do it during daylight hours.
 - Use your cell phone only as necessary so you can have enough battery in case of an emergency.
 - Do not display signs of wealth, such as wearing expensive watches or jewelry.
 - Avoid conversations concerning politics or potentially sensitive topics, including drugs and cartels.
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OPERATIONAL SECURITY AND THREATS

- Maintain an adequate private security contingent at facilities and offices.
- Conduct Pinkerton Technical Surveillance Countermeasure (TSCM) sweeps at facilities, offices, and accommodations to locate illicit eavesdropping devices.

If a facility or operation is targeted by cartel members:

- Evacuate nonessential personnel immediately.
- Avoid interaction with known or suspected criminal groups.
- Contact local and home-nation authorities.

The Pinkerton Difference

Should you need us, we offer a distinctive and exceptional single, global source for all your security and risk management concerns — from risk consulting to crisis response, from incident-driven to full-time embedded subject matter experts.

Pinkerton makes travel easy, because your security is our priority. We have the experience and expertise to not only develop high-level and efficient travel security strategies but also provide unfailing personnel protection and security drivers to deter and reduce threats during travel.

We never sleep.



CONNECTIVITY

- Local contacts and resources available in over 100 countries



PROTECTION AND RESPONSE

- Local fully vetted armed and unarmed close protection agents and security-trained drivers
- Daily schedule coordination and advance deployment
- Travel security services, including crisis management, response, and evacuation plans
- Contingencies for medical, family, and related matters
- Signed non-disclosure agreements



TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

- Global travel risk management, including travel routes and facility security
- Detailed agent profiles, contact info, and briefings provided prior to travel
- Coordination with local Pinkerton offices



TIMELY INTEL

- Tailored research and threat analysis
- Up-to-date Pinkerton Crime Risk scores
- Travel threat briefings of every location, including travel advances and reconnaissance

ABOUT US

Pinkerton is a global comprehensive risk and security management leader focused on delivering specialized risk advisory, investigators, protection solutions, and embedded SMEs. For more than 170 years, Pinkerton has built a legacy of unparalleled institutional knowledge, with insight into future risks.

We bring a total risk perspective, knowledge-based design, and end-to-end delivery to everything we do. With our three-pronged approach, we assess the risk factors you are facing today, design an effective solution that fits your unique needs, and deliver tactical services to assist you with execution — in an ad hoc to prolonged capacity.

As a trusted partner, you can rely on our family of thousands of employees and connected partners across 100+ countries to support your risk management and security needs.