Travel Advisory
Botswana

Level

2 Exercise increased caution

Updated to include information on crime.

Exercise increased caution in Botswana due to crime.

Country Summary: Crimes of opportunity, primarily the theft of money and personal property, are common in Botswana. Potentially violent crimes, such as home invasions, break-ins, “smash and grabs” from vehicles stopped at intersections and from locked cars in shopping mall parking lots, cell phone thefts, and muggings are routinely reported to police.

Read the country information page for additional information on travel to Botswana.

If you decide to travel to Botswana:

- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Do not physically resist any robbery attempt.
- Carry a copy of your passport and visa (if applicable) and leave originals in your hotel safe.
- Do not display signs of wealth, such as expensive watches or jewelry.
- Follow the Department of State on Facebook and Twitter.
- Review the Country Security Report for Botswana.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler’s Checklist.
- Visit the CDC page for the latest Travel Health Information related to your travel.