

Travel Advisory

Botswana



Level

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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.