

Go GLOBAL – Travelling Outside of the UK

Every year, dozens of students at Warwick lose their passport and/or visa when travelling overseas. Don't become the next one!

TRAVEL SAFETY FOR ALL STUDENTS

The British Foreign & Commonwealth Office gives the following advice when travelling abroad:

- Plan your trip well ahead; learn about the laws, customs and entry requirements of the country you're visiting, and make sure you have the right visa (if required).
- Make sure you have the right travel insurance (British students can apply for a free 'European Health Insurance Card' if they are travelling in Europe).
- Check if you need any vaccinations.
- Make sure your passport is valid for the duration of your trip and that you've filled in the emergency details page (if applicable).
- NEVER leave your personal belongings (bags, wallets, purses) unattended.
- Keep your passport safe from pickpockets – there are a number of tricks they use to hustle your passport/valuables (learn more here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jba5SBpaxAE>)

TRAVEL SAFETY ADVICE FOR TIER 4 STUDENTS

Before you travel:

- ❖ Don't forget to take your BRP card – you will need it to re-enter the UK.
- ❖ Make sure you bring a photocopy of your passport, visa and your original student status letter with you- you will need them to apply for a new visa if you lose your passport/visa outside of the UK.

When abroad, if you think you have lost your passport and/or visa/BRP card, don't panic! You should:

- ❖ First make sure that you have checked all locations where it may possibly be. Alert the 'lost and found office' or contact the relevant authority if you know where you lost it.
- ❖ Do a thorough search BEFORE reporting it to the Home Office because once it's reported as lost/stolen, it will be cancelled straight away and this cannot be reversed even if you find it later!
- ❖ If you can't find your BRP card, you must notify the UKVI at www.gov.uk/biometricresidence-permits/lost-stolen-damaged. The UKVI will cancel your card with immediate effect.
- ❖ You also need to report the loss to the Police station nearest to where it went missing or was stolen. Get a Police report or crime reference number (you will need this when applying for a new visa).
- ❖ If you lost your passport, get in touch with your Embassy and you should be able to obtain a travel document at short notice. If your visa is a sticker in your passport, once you obtain a new passport/travel document, apply for a new 'temporary travel visa' before you can return to the UK.
- ❖ If you lost your BRP card, you will need to apply for a 'replacement BRP visa' before you can return to the UK. Once you are back in the UK, you will need to apply for a 'replacement BRP card'.
- ❖ For more information/guidance on lost passports and visas, visit our website: www.warwick.ac.uk/immigration/current/lostpassportandvisas/

VISAS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES

- Visas for Ireland: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Irish%20Visa%20Information>
- Visas for Europe (Schengen area): www.warwick.ac.uk/immigration/othervisas/travelling/europe/
- List of foreign Embassies in the UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foreign-embassies-in-the-uk>