

## SECURITY GUIDELINES

World Vision Cambodia (WVC) has developed the following security guidelines for its staff and visitors. World Vision staffs hosting your visit are acquainted with local customs and travel security procedures in Cambodia - they are your best guides. A few general precautions and guidelines will help you feel secure and enable you to enjoy your stay in Cambodia.

We recommend you stay only in hotels specified by World Vision. These hotels are reputable and have good communication systems - essential in an emergency situation.

Please be aware that tourist areas are magnets for criminals. It is to your advantage to avoid looking like a tourist. Do not carry lots of jewellery, bags, cameras, and other valuable equipment with you.

Always travel in pairs. This is especially true once it is dark outside. You should not walk alone at night.

Be aware of pickpockets in crowded areas. Many pickpockets work in pairs, and one may attempt to distract you as the other steals from you. Pickpockets often work in pairs using distraction as their basic ploy.

Avoid large street crowds or gatherings.

If you carry a handbag, keep it close to your body with one hand always on the bag.

Do not carry valuables or too much cash in your purse or handbag. You may leave your passport and valuables with the hotel management or with our hospitality service staff. Please contact **Mr. Sophalla Cheng** if you would like to leave items with the hospitality staff.

It best to carry a small amount of money and wear a cheap watch. Then if robbers approach you, you may hand these items over to them. We advise that when carrying money you should divide it between two or three pockets or bags. Pickpockets and robbers then have less of a chance of successfully getting all your money.

If you hear gunshots fired, do not go to investigate the sound. You should stay calm and keep a low profile.

A local practice is to shoot into the air when a fire has broken out or during heavy rain. These shootings work as a warning for people to stay away and alert the fire brigade. During heavy rains shooting in the air is thought to help stop the rain. When guns are being fired, stay indoors and away from any area where the guns are being fired.

Do not photograph Cambodian soldiers or police.

WVC is not responsible for any theft of personal belongings, personal injuries or kidnappings.

WVC has adapted the above guidelines from World Vision Corporate Security document "A Shield About Me" Safety Awareness for World Vision Staff.