MANAGING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL RISKS

University faculty, researchers, staff and students travel around the world throughout the year. As part of the University’s global initiative and as a result of the work of the International Travel Assistance Review Committee created by Chancellor Cantor, the University has contracted with International SOS (ISOS) to provide worldwide travel, medical and security assistance, and evacuation and repatriation services. ISOS services will serve to better enhance safety and to help facilitate communication in the event of emergency situations for faculty, staff, and students traveling outside the United States on or for University business or sanctioned academic work or research.

The services provided by ISOS range from telephone advice and referrals to full-scale evacuation by private air ambulance. The ISOS network of multilingual specialists operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year from ISOS Alarm Centers around the world. ISOS membership, provided by the University, covers services that can arise from a variety of emergency situations while traveling abroad. The coverage is designed to supplement the policies, procedures and the support staff which the University already has in place (i.e. SU Travel Policy for employees, Athletics Travel Policy, and SU Abroad’s Travel Policy.)

As part of the SU/ISOS Program, whenever you are traveling abroad, you may access both pre-trip and up-to-date reports on more than 170 countries worldwide on health issues, medical care and vaccination requirements via the ISOS website located at http://www.international-sos.com, from where you will be directed to an SU specific website for travel health and safety information. In addition, this website contains an on-line Personal Travel Record form for inputting travel and destination information. Risk Management strongly encourages all University travelers to complete the form so that this information is available to ISOS and the University on-call staff in Risk Management, SU Abroad, and the University’s Critical Incident Management Team (CIMT) should you need to be located in the event of a crisis or emergency, and/or to coordinate services with ISOS.

Faculty and staff can take advantage of the following informational meetings to learn more about how this new service can help make their and their students’ international travel experience safe and rewarding. Please contact Donna Petriera at x5334 or dpetriera@syr.edu to register.

October 10th 12:00pm-1:30pm, luncheon meeting, Goldstein Alumni & Faculty Center (Rm. 209)
October 10th 3:00pm-4:30pm, Energy & Computing Management Conference Room 130-46, 621 Skytop Road, (South Campus)
October 11th 8:00am-9:30am, breakfast meeting, Goldstein Alumni & Faculty Center (Rm. 209)
October 11th 10:00am-11:15am, meeting, Goldstein Alumni & Faculty Center (Rm. 209)
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

In conjunction with the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management, the Logistics Committee conducted a campus table top emergency exercise on March 17, 2006. The purpose was to evaluate the University’s preparedness (state of readiness) and response, to examine the ability to establish and maintain communications essential to support emergency response within and between University departments, and to practice together in a simulated emergency situation, in this case an ice storm resulting in a loss of power. Approximately 45 employees participated representing 25 departments.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Business Continuity Planning: To help departments learn more about developing a business continuity plan, Risk Management, in conjunction with its property insurance broker, Marsh, will be offering business continuity planning workshops. Contact Donna Petretti at 443-5334 or dmpetret@syrs.edu for October and November dates.

TULIP: The University now subscribes to a Tenant User’s Liability Insurance Policy (TULIP). TULIP is designed to provide low cost general liability insurance to third-party users of campus facilities. Visit Risk Management’s website for further details (http://riskmanagement.syrs.edu) or contact Michelle Dehart at 443-2890.

Pandemic Flu Preparedness: Syracuse University maintains several standing committees tasked with institutional emergency planning and management. Among these is a specific committee focused on pandemic flu preparedness and response.

Created by Chancellor Carter and led by James Jacobs, director of health services, and David Pajak, director of risk management, SU’s Pandemic Flu Preparedness Committee includes representatives from a wide array of units across campus including: Academic Affairs, Athletics, Auxiliary Services, Enrollment Management, Environmental Health, General Counsel, Government and Community Relations, Health Services, Hendricks Chapel, Human Resources, International Students Office, Lubin House, Maxwell School, Public Affairs, Public Safety, Research, Residence Life, Risk Management, Student Affairs, SU Abroad, Telecommunications, and University College.

The Pandemic Flu Preparedness Committee has been working with national resources, as well as the Onondaga County Health Department and the Onondaga County Division of Emergency Management to plan and review University procedures that would be implemented in the event of an influenza pandemic.

EMPLOYEE CORNER

Welcome Our New Employees

Jeff Cardinali—Safety Department. Jeff started his employment on September 13, 2005 as a Fire/Safety Inspector.

Timothy W. Voger—Safety Department. Tim started his employment on August 28, 2006 as a Fire/Safety Inspector.

Join Us In Congratulating Our Employees For Their Years of Service

Linda Egerbrecht—Risk Management 15 years
Sandi LaRose—Risk Management 10 years
Lois Hall—Environmental Health Office 5 years
Lake Fiaschetti—Environmental Health Office 5 years
Brian Taroff—Safety Department 5 years

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