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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR BRITISH NATIONALS VISITING SAUDI ARABIA

- To receive country updates about Saudi Arabia, alerts, and notifications, please subscribe to Travel Advice.
- Check the advice on foreign travel during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- Rules for entry and quarantine change depending on the most recent COVID-19 assessments by local authorities.
- Check with your airline or tour operator about the latest guidance on Saudi Arabia's entry requirements, immigration, visas and customs controls.
- Prior to traveling to Saudi Arabia, visitors must register their vaccine and travel information on <u>Muqeem</u> platform and download the <u>Tawakkalna</u> app before entering Saudi Arabia. For detailed information about Muqeem and Tawakkalna, please visit the links above.
- Obtain a good travel guide that includes basic information on local laws and customs.
- Consider purchasing comprehensive travel and health insurance to cover private medical treatment
 or costs of being brought back to the UK.
- Ensure that you know the details of your local insurance provider linked to your Saudi work permit or visa.
- If you plan to perform Umrah, please visit the <u>Ministry of Hajj and Umrah website for information</u> and check latest guarantine and permit requirements.
- Do not overstay your visa or work illegally you may be detained/ deported or/and fined.
- Alcohol and drugs are illegal in Saudi Arabia. If you are caught breaking the law you will be tried under the Saudi judicial system.

Emergency Travel Documents, (ETDs) Driving Licences and Passports

- You may require an International Driving Permit (IDP) to rent a car in Saudi Arabia. We recommend that you apply here.
- If you are planning to drive, make sure your UK driving licence is current and valid (for at least three months) or your international licence can be used for up to three months.
- You will need to convert your licence to a Saudi driving licence if you intend to drive for a longer period. For guidance please visit <u>Ministry of Interior website</u>
- If your passport is lost or stolen, you can apply online for an emergency travel document if you cannot get a new or replacement passport in time to travel. If you are not clear about the procedure, please Contact us for advice before applying online.
- An emergency travel document does not guarantee entry to every country. Read what an emergency travel document does.
- To update or link your emergency travel document with your visa details on the immigration system, please book an appointment with the Department Of Passports (Rehab District), Jeddah and Department of Passports in Riyadh.
- The Saudi Passport Offices provide all their services electronically through <u>Absher</u>.

Health and safety

- Ensure licensed transport is booked by your operator or order a licensed taxi. There are also regular flights and train service between Jeddah, Makkah and Medina. Small point, trains go to Makkah of course as well as Medina.
- If you are a victim of crime, or know someone who is, and there is an emergency, you should report the incident to the nearest police station or emergencies line: 911.
- For urgent consular help, call +966 (0) 11 481 9100. If you are in the UK and worried about a British national in Saudi Arabia, call +966 0207 008 1500 or use the forms available.
- For questions related to visas, please call 930 (in Saudi Arabia), or +966 920 000 890 from outside the Kingdom.
- For questions related to healthcare or COVID-19 while in Saudi Arabia, please call phone 937.
- For questions related to local tourism, call tourist advisory line on 930 (in Saudi Arabia), or use +966 920 000 890 from outside the Kingdom.

USEFUL CONTACTS INFORMATION

British Embassy- Riyadh Tel: +966 11 481 9100 www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-riyadh

British Consulate General- Jeddah
Tel: +966 012 622 5550
www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-ieddah

Ministry of Hajj

Contact Centre- Tel: +966 8004304444 Outside Saudi Arabia: +966 920002814 hajcc@haj.gov.sa

Ministry of Health Tel: 937 (service centre) 937@moh.gov.sa

Ministry of Tourism

Local contact centre: 930
For international tourist care: https://help.visitsaudi.com/

Emergencies in Saudi Arabia Ambulance: 997 All type of Emergencies: 911

Saudi Arabia Directory Enquiries

Country Codes: UK: 00 44 (+ Number) Saudi: 00966 (+ Number)

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