

# Film crew travelling to Nigeria

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## The situation

A film crew planning to travel to Lagos, Nigeria, heard about the insecurity in the country, particularly in the Niger Delta. As they had never been to Nigeria before, they were unsure of how they might be affected. After consulting their insurance company, they were advised to contact red24.



## Pre-trip analysis and advice

A red24 security specialist spoke to the film crew in order to understand their specific concerns and to assess their experience of travelling in high-risk destinations. The film crew's detailed itinerary was then analysed in order to ascertain the specific threats they would face. The security specialist suggested a number of ways in which red24 could assist and protect the team while they were in Nigeria. The film crew could then decide what combination of protective measures and assistance suited them and their budget.

## Travel safety training

The team participated in a two-hour training course tailored to their itinerary and risk profile. They were not only educated about the various security threats they might face and how to minimise these, but they were also told about cultural differences in Nigeria. The course also provided an opportunity for the film crew to ask any other questions they had about their trip. After the session, a set of briefing

notes was sent to the team. The team travelled to Nigeria and were able to complete their work without major incident.

**Client feedback** - *'I want to thank you for your help and very valuable comments.'*

## Some of the security concerns in Lagos:

- There is a high risk of crime, involving both petty and violent crimes.
- The risk from kidnapping is rated as medium. Both locals and foreigners have been abducted in the city, usually due to their perceived wealth.
- There are frequent outbreaks of civil unrest, often caused by ethnic tensions and civil disagreements.

## The advice given included:

- Visit a travel health professional prior to departure.
- Keep mobile phones charged at all times and ensure emergency services numbers are stored on the phones.
- Do not wear jewellery or expensive items, as this can attract attention.
- Vary your routes to and from locations, especially in the higher-risk areas.
- When moving around the city, decide on regroup points in case you are separated.