

International Risk Tolerance

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Every individual and organization has different tolerances for risk. One philosophy is not better than another, but knowing (and clearly defining) the risk tolerance (philosophy) is of great importance. With that in mind, Reliant's leadership has worked to clearly define Reliant's organizational tolerance for risk. Our tolerance for risk flows from our [theology of risk](#). In general, Reliant believes that for the Christian, God has removed the ultimate risk by securing our eternal status before God the Father. And with the ultimate risk removed, the Christian is empowered to take Godly risks for the sake of God's Mission. For more information, please refer to Reliant's official [Theology of Risk Statement](#).

It is our hope that Reliant's organizational risk tolerance will empower Reliant workers to take Godly risks for the sake of His mission. However, not every risk is wise or even possible for Reliant to facilitate. Please refer to the following chart to get a detailed look at Reliant's tolerance for risk in various situations.

Reliant's Risk Levels

- **Basic Threat:** Any moderate risk factors limited or temporary. Free movement, free access to basic goods, free expression of ministry/reason in the country, stable government and economy. Easy entry requirements for all Americans. (ex. Canada)
- **Moderate Threat:** Several moderate risk factors and/or a high risk factor recent, imminent, or ongoing are at play.
- **High Threat:** Several high risks recent, imminent, or ongoing and/or an extreme risk factor are at play. See [International Risk Tolerance](#)
- **Extreme Threat:** Several extreme risk factors under the extreme category are recent, imminent, or ongoing. (Reliant is unable to accommodate extreme threat locations at this time. See [Countries with extreme threat level](#).)

* Basic risk (not listed in the trigger points for risk factors below as basic location allows for freedom of movement, freedom of expression, low crime, access to food, stable government, and stable economy, etc.

Risk Factor	Moderate	High	Extreme
Government Scrutiny /Interrogation	Expulsion	Short Term Detention	Long Term Detention/Execution
Political Stability	Street Protests	Routine Infighting	Active War Zones
Economy	Fluctuating Currency	Limitation of Cash and Commodities	No Access to Cash or Commodities
General Terrorism	Wrong Place/Wrong Time	General Targeting of Group	Specific Targeting
Sexual Assault	Cat Calls	Groping	Rape
Targeted Bodily Harm	Mugging or Minor Assault	Targeted Physical Assault	Martyrdom
Health Hazards	Potential health hazards and exposures to disease can be managed by typical vaccines and are generally easily treated by local healthcare	Potential exposure to unpreventable and untreatable health hazards or diseases with minor lingering effects	Potential exposure to unpreventable and untreatable /uncurable major diseases or health hazards with long term effects or likely death.
Natural /Environmental	Minor Weather Patterns	Routine Risk for Severe Weather	Major Severe Weather Continually
Isolation	Reasonable Access to Civilization	Moderate Distance from Civilization	Off the Grid

The risk tolerance factors listed above, though not exhaustive, will be considered when determining the [International Risk Assessment](#) and final risk levels for the various locations in which Reliant has team members or new locations Reliant partners wish to send teams. Once a risk level has been finalized, Reliant will work with the Field Leader and any approved third-party decision-makers to begin appropriate crisis preparation based on the threat level. For more details on how Reliant will work with the team in crisis preparation, please refer to the [Crisis Management Plan](#).