This special edition of the RIT Ready Newsletter focuses on the European Travel Alert issued by the U.S. State Department on March 23, 2016.

The U.S. Department of State has issued a European Travel Alert due to several terrorist attacks, including the March 22nd attack in Brussels claimed by ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant). The travel alert expires on June 20th, 2016.

The Alert cautions U.S. citizens travelling in Europe to “exercise vigilance when in public places or using mass transportation. Be aware of immediate surroundings and avoid crowded places. Exercise particular caution during religious holidays and at large festivals or events.”

In addition, they advise U.S. Citizens to:

✓ Register in the State Department’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).
✓ Visit the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information.

For RIT business or academic travel:

✓ Learn about Worldwide Travel Assistance available to faculty, staff and students.
✓ Ensure your department is aware of your itinerary and knows how to contact you in case of an emergency.
✓ Contact RIT Public Safety at 585-475-3333 (phone) or 585-205-8333 (text) if you need any emergency assistance while traveling internationally.

All Travelers should:

✓ Follow instructions of local authorities, especially in an emergency.
✓ Monitor media and local information sources to factor into any personal travel plans and activities.
✓ Be prepared for extra security screening and unexpected disruptions.
✓ Ensure family members know how to reach you and keep in touch with them while you are travelling.

Make sure your mobile phone number is in the RIT Alert system.

- Faculty and Staff – go to myinfo.rit.edu and add in the phone numbers emergency notification information area
- Students – go to SIS and enter in the Cell/Mobile phone field of the Personal Information area