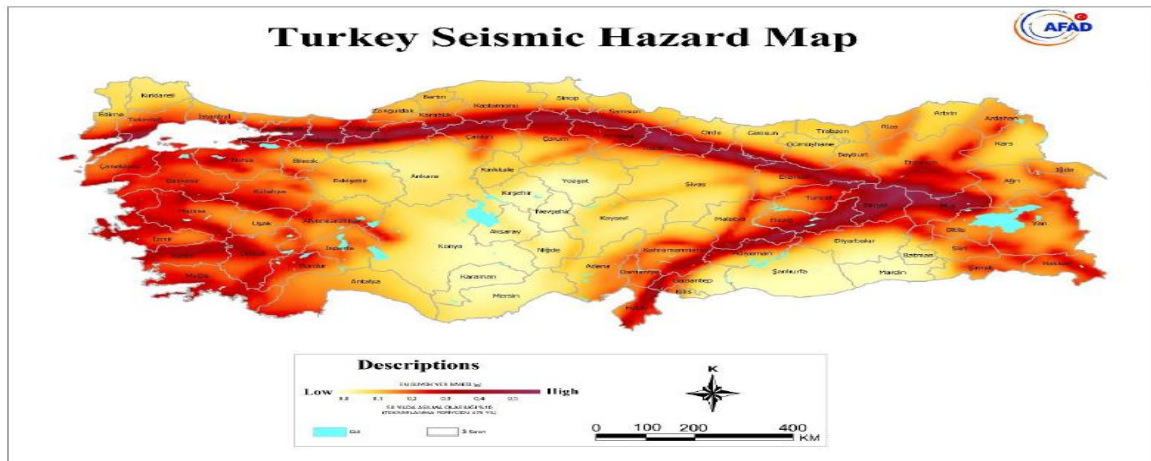


SAFETY AND SECURITY REALATED BRIEF INFORMATION ON ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Earthquake. Earthquake is a major risk in Turkey, especially in Istanbul. The seismic hazard map is below:



The tips related to earthquake are below:

During Earthquake

- Duck, cover and hold.
- Take cover under a doorframe, table, bed or desk, away from windows.
- Turn off your electricity, water and gas if possible.
- Outdoors. Stay away from buildings, high walls, trees, telephone and electric lines.
- On the Road. Drive away from overpasses, stop in a safe area and stay in the vehicle.

After Earthquake

- Check for injuries.
- Check for gas, water, sewage breaks, electric and telephone lines, building damage.
- Turn on the radio for instructions only if no gas leaks.
- Don't use the telephone except for an emergency.
- Contact your conference coordinator.
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PERSONAL SECURITY

- Ensure you have the telephone numbers of the Conference/Meeting Coordinator. Also ensure that your telephone number / contact details are available to Conference/Meeting Coordinator.

- Report serious security related incidents to your Conference/Meeting Coordinator as soon as possible.
- Be acquainted with general fire protection measures, natural disaster and evacuation procedures of the hotel.
- It is to be noted that most visits to Istanbul are trouble free. Colleagues are advised to remain vigilant and extra cautions at all times. If you are planning for a private travel outside Istanbul, then you are requested to inform the Conference/Meeting Coordinator. *(Note: For UN personnel, kindly submit your TRIP for security clearance using DSS website.)*
- **While in taxi in Istanbul, participants are advised to remain cautious.** Always be careful with the taxi driver – talk to the taxi driver clearly and upon boarding the taxi see if he/she has re-set the taxi meter or not. Many times, the taxi driver might try to make you a fool – thus, be careful. **Use of Uber on official travel is prohibited.** An useful link: <https://theistanbulinsider.com/tips-to-prevent-popular-istanbul-taxi-scams/>
- Reportedly, scams happen in Istanbul as many other cities in the world. To avoid frauds, read the attached link carefully: <http://travelscams.org/europe/common-tourist-scams-turkey/>

HOTEL AND TRAVEL SECURITY

- Familiarize yourself with emergency escape exit/routes in case of fire or other emergency.
- Do not invite strangers into your hotel room.
- Never leave valuables in your hotel room unattended, even in a locked suitcase. Place valuables, money, jewelry, airplane tickets, credit cards, and passport in a safety deposit box at the hotel. Use the door chain whenever you are in your room.
- Dress inconspicuously and comfortably for travel.
- Observe the laws of the country and avoid political and religious discussions. Avoid disputes with local nationals. Maintain a low profile.

SECURITY CLEARANCES (SC):

Each UN Personnel is responsible for receiving his/her security clearance through TRIP system prior to the travel (dss.un.org). Please submit your TRIP clearance at least 3 days prior to travel stating the details of your contact information. Along with the approval mail, you shall receive a document named “Travel notes to Istanbul”: you all are requested to read the travel notes.

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