A detailed look at the U.S. State Department warning on Mexico

**Warning issued**

- **Tijuana**: Exercise extreme caution, particularly at night.
- **Puerto Penasco**: Exercise caution; limit travel to main roads during daylight hours, cross border at Lukeville, Ariz., to limit driving through Mexico.
- **Nogales**: Exercise extreme caution.
- **Saric**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Altar**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Tubutama**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Northern Chihuahua**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Ciudad Juarez**: Defer nonessential travel to city.
- **Guadalupe Bravo**: Defer nonessential travel. Carjacking, highway robberies are serious problems.
- **Piedras Negras**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Nuevo Laredo**: Travelers on highways between Nuevo Laredo and Monterrey are frequent targets for robbery and violence, often caught in crossfire between criminals and police. Avoid “Boy’s Town” entertainment in Nuevo Laredo area due to violent crime.
- **Monterrey**: Elevated levels of violence and insecurity. Travelers strongly advised to lower profiles, avoid displaying evidence of wealth that might draw attention.
- **Matamoros/Reynosa**: Travelers on highways to and from Monterrey (through Nuevo Laredo and Matamoros/Reynosa) are frequent targets for robbery and violence, often caught in crossfire between criminals and police.
- **Ciudad Acuna**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Gomez Palacio**: Defer nonessential travel. Frequent incidents of cartel-related violence.
- **Torreon**: Defer nonessential travel. Frequent incidents of cartel-related violence.
- **Saltillo**: Defer nonessential travel; exercise extreme caution; avoid toll roads in remote areas.
- **Ciudad Acuna**: Defer nonessential travel; exercise extreme caution; avoid toll roads in remote areas.
- **Fresnillo**: Avoid Highway 45 linking Sombrete and Fresnillo.
- **Nogales**: Exercise extreme caution.
- **Puerto Penasco**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Saric**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Tubutama**: Avoid Highway 45 linking Sombrete and Fresnillo.
- **San Luis Potosi**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Highway between Monterrey and the U.S.**: Travelers targeted for robbery and caught in crossfire. Exercise caution.
- **Highway between Chihuahua and Nuevo Laredo**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Highway between Matamoros and Tampico**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Highway between Matamoros and Tampico**: Many crimes reported; be aware of risks posed by armed robbers and carjackings.
- **Tepic**: Exercise extreme caution.
- **Colotlan-Yahualica**: Defer nonessential travel due to roadblocks and gun battles.
- **Border area between Jalisco and Zacatecas**: Site of violence and crime. Exercise extreme caution.
- **Santa Maria del Rio**: Cartel violence and highway lawlessness are continuing security concerns. Defer nonessential travel on main highways, especially east toward Tampico.
- **Guadalajara**: Due to incidents of cartel-mounted road blockades between Guadalajara Airport and Guadalajara metro areas, U.S. government employees are only authorized to travel during daylight hours.
- **Border area between Jalisco and Michoacan**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Eastern part of state of Michoacan**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Ciudad Altamirano**: Exercise extreme caution. Numerous incidents of narcotics-related violence.
- **Northwestern Mexico**: Exercise extreme caution.
- **Highway between Acapulco and Ixtapa**: Exercise caution due to risk of roadblocks and carjackings.
- **Acapulco**: Exercise extreme caution in downtown area; do not visit at night; remain in clearly identifiable tourist areas.

**Presumed safe**

- **Huatulco**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Mexico City**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **San Miguel de Allende**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Montevideo**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **La Paz**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Cabo San Lucas**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Puerto Vallarta**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Tepic**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Santana**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Guadalajara**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Monterrey**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Nuevo Leon**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Queretaro**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Guanajuato**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **San Luis Potosi**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Veracruz**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Tampico**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Matamoros**: Defer nonessential travel.
- **Ciudad Acuna**: Defer nonessential travel.