

# Denmark - OVERVIEW

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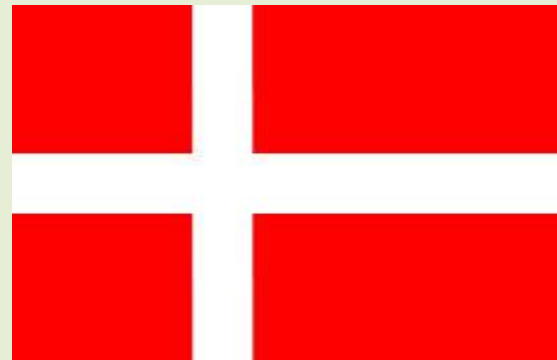


**Country Name Long Form:** Kingdom of Denmark

**Government Type:** Constitutional Republic

**Languages Spoken:** Danish, English, Faroese, Greenlandic, German

**National Flag**



Denmark is a Tier III Country. Significant security measures are necessary.

	Overall Assessment	Political Violence	Crime	Terrorism	Travel Safety
Denmark					
Key: (L) Low – (M) Medium – (H) High – (C)Critical					

## POLITICAL CONDITIONS

**Political Violence is rated at LOW in Denmark**

Public demonstrations are fairly common but rarely result in violence. Typically, demonstrations number between a few dozen protestors to a few hundred and very rarely more than 1,000. All public demonstrations require a permit issued by the Copenhagen police, and spontaneous demonstrations are uncommon. Police support is generally appropriate to the size of the demonstration.

## TERRORISM

**Terrorism is assessed as MEDIUM**

Denmark faces a continuing threat of terrorism due to the 2005 and 2008 printing of cartoons in a Danish newspaper depicting the Prophet Muhammad. Denmark remains a target for terrorist groups including al-Qaida. Denmark's participation in military campaigns in Afghanistan and other locations in the Muslim world has also drawn the attention of extremists. While there have been no successful

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terrorist attacks, recent disrupted plots listed below demonstrate the willingness of extremists to strike at Danish interests.

## RULE OF LAW / CORRUPTION

The Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for 2013 gave Denmark a score of 90, indicating that the country has very low levels of corruption. The CPI rates countries by the perceived levels of corruption in the public sector, with the least corrupt countries receiving a maximum score of 100.

## CRIME

### Crime is assessed as **LOW**

Denmark remains a relatively safe and secure country. The Danish National Police reported a slight decrease in overall crime rates in 2013.

Pickpockets and other petty criminals operate at tourist attractions, train stations and on public buses. Although not especially common, pickpocketing can be an issue in some public areas such as on buses and trains and in and around popular tourist areas.

Violent crimes, including homicides and assaults, occur less frequently than in the U.S.

## KIDNAPPING

Kidnappings are rare in Denmark. The vast majority of kidnappings in the country occurs within families and among members of rival criminal gangs and often involves the drug trade. Foreign travelers or expatriates face minimal threat of kidnapping while in Denmark.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual Assault cases are rare in Denmark.

## NATURAL DISASTERS

Flooding can be a threat in certain areas of the country, especially parts of Jutland and along the southern coast of the island of Lolland. Both areas are protected from the sea by a system of dykes.

In winter, driving after dark should be avoided in rural areas, as road conditions may be in a poor state and roadways are likely to be impassable after snowfall.

## STANDING TRAVEL ADVICE

- Stay in groups, travel in a caravan consisting of two or more vehicles, and stay on the main roads.
- Ensure that someone not traveling with you is aware of your itinerary.

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- Avoid hotels that do not have adequate security.
- It is preferable to stay in the main tourist destinations.
- Pay close attention to your surroundings, especially when walking or driving in Denmark
- Official taxis are a suitable means of travel in daylight hours in urban areas. It is highly recommended that taxis be arranged through your hotel, or program office. Negotiate the price in advance.
- Women should be especially careful when traveling alone and avoid staying out late without a trusted male escort.
- Make sensible security precautions to mitigate the risk of petty crime, particularly pick pocketing and bag snatching.
- Carry a photocopy of your passport when traveling to avoid losing it in a robbery.
- Do not resist if you are being robbed and avoid eye contact and do not make any sudden movements.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times and keep a low profile.
- Never leave your belongings unattended.
- Carry bags close to your body and make sure the fasteners are secure.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or wearing expensive jewelry or valuables.
- Leave all important documents in a safe or safe deposit box at your hotel and only carry certified copies.
- Trust your instincts. If someone or something makes you uneasy, avoid the situation.

### **Important Contact Details:**

**International Dialing Code:** +45

**International Dialing Prefix:** 00

### **Victims of crime in Denmark should contact the following phone numbers for assistance:**

**POLICE:** The local equivalent to the “911” emergency line in Denmark is 112

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** 112

**AMBULANCE:** 112

**Note:** Police, ambulance or fire department response may be unreliable in some parts of the country.

## TRAVEL & ROAD SAFETY

- The standard infrastructure in Denmark is modern and extensive.
- The roads are generally in excellent condition and driving is on the right-hand side of the road.
- The supply of basic amenities, such as power and water are reliable across all regions.

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## RECOMMENDED TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

- No use of ATMs after dark.

## HEALTH

Medical facilities are generally excellent, although it should be noted that in the Danish territories of Greenland and the Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic, facilities and available treatment are limited. Most medical personnel have a good knowledge of the English language.

- Tap water in Denmark is generally safe to drink.
- Unpasteurized milk should be boiled before consumption, or powdered or tinned milk should be used as an alternative.

The following vaccinations are recommended or required if travelling to Denmark:

- Hepatitis B (recommended)
- Rabies (recommended for travelers that might come into contact with bats and other small mammals)

It is also important to ensure that routine vaccinations are up to date for diseases including influenza, chickenpox (or varicella), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus.

### Significant Diseases –

- **Tick-borne Encephalitis** – A viral infection of the central nervous system spread by ticks. Most cases are not serious, but occasionally the bite from an infected tick can lead to inflammation of the brain and the membrane that surrounds the brain and spinal cord. This is a risk on the island of Bornholm between March and November each year.

### HOSPITALS – Denmark

#### AMAGER HOSPITAL

Italiensvej 1

København Hovedstaden Denmark 2 300

Phone: +45 32 343234

#### BISPEBJERG HOSPITAL

Bispebjerg Bakke 23

København Denmark 2400

Phone: +45 35 313 531

## US EMBASSY – CONSULATE LOCATIONS

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### **The US Embassy Denmark**

Dag Hammarskjolds Alle 24  
Copenhagen  
Tel: +45 (0)33 417 100  
Fax: +45 (0)35 430 223  
Email: CopenhagenACS@state.gov

### **USF INTERNATIONAL HOTLINE**

USF 24/7 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE LINE: 813-317-5815

AXA Assistance 24/7 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE LINE: 1-877-577-9504 / +1-203-399-5130 (Call collect from abroad)

ASSIST ID #: GLMN 04983932. <http://www.culturalinsurance.com/resources/>

\* Information derived from CIA World Fact Book, US Department of State, OSAC, and Travel Guard. This travel overview summarizes some of the most important concerns; however, it does not negate the need for detailed trip planning.