

Risk of Dying Abroad

According to the Association of British Insurers (2009) people over the age of 70 years are three times more likely to be killed or injured on the roads compared to 40-65 years olds. Further information on the prevention of accidents for individual travellers is available from NaTHNaC

National surveillance of accidents and injuries occurring intravellers is not currently undertaken in the UK. The United States figures are published:

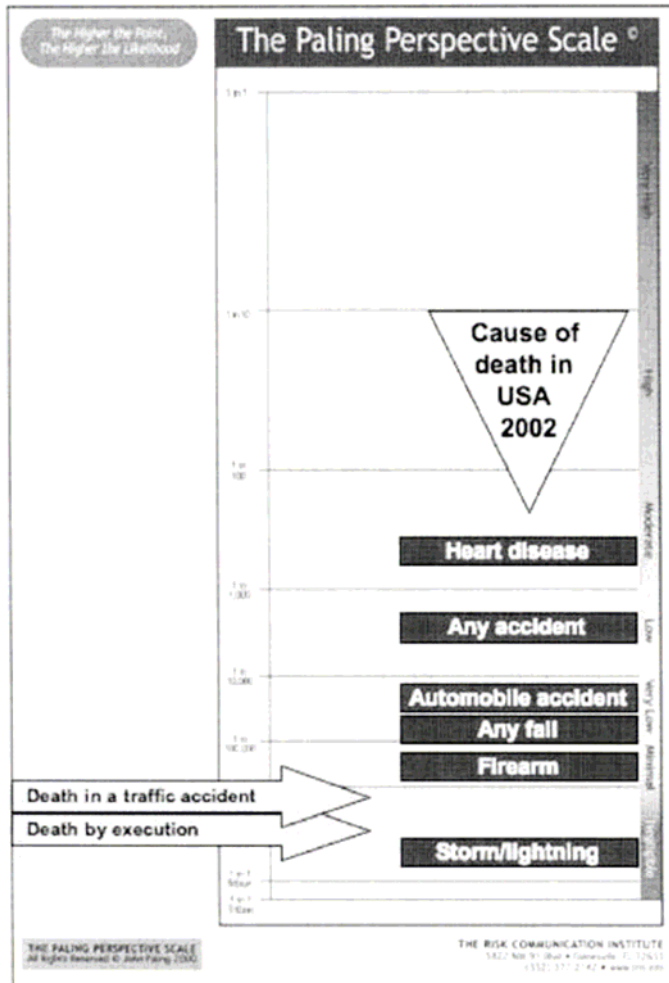
The odds of dying whilst abroad for a US citizen in 2007, were 1 in 449,510. Highest risk was as a result of an automobile accident (1 in 2,250,904) Total number of non-natural deaths of US citizens abroad in 2007 was 671:

- 134 deaths as a result of automobile accidents
- 109 deaths by drowning
- 108 homicides
- 98 suicides
- 32 deaths due to motorcycle accidents
- 26 deaths from air accidents
- 23 deaths related to drugs
- 12 deaths of pedestrians
- 11 deaths as a result of bus accidents
- 9 deaths due to terrorist action
- 6 deaths from maritime accidents
- 3 executions

The odds of an average US citizen dying abroad from a non-natural cause are 1 in 449,510, made up of:

- road traffic accident 1 in 2,250,904
- drowning 1 in 2,767,167
- being a victim of murder 1 in 2,792,788
- in a motorcycle accident 1 in 425,661
- an air accident 1 in 11,600,814
- dying as a pedestrian 1 in 25,135,096
- in a bus accident 1 in 27,420,105
- the odds of dying as a result of terrorist action 1 in 33,513,462
- in a maritime accident are 1 in 50,270,193

Annual risk of death abroad for US citizen
(Risk Communication Tool© John Paling 2000)
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Figures do not include casualties of war. (Surprisingly few Americans travel abroad, compared with western European countries, where not only do many more people travel abroad, but many more older people travel. – Ed.)

US Department of State

http://travel.state.gov/law/family_issues/death/death_594.html)

US Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/popest/states/NST-ann-est.html>)