

INSIGHT REPORT HIGHLIGHT

China: Preparing for the 2022 Beijing Winter Games

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In this Insight Report Highlight, our security experts provide an overview of the event details as well as recommendations to manage associated risks.

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OVERVIEW

China is preparing to host the 2022 Winter Games (4-20 February) and the Paralympics Games (4-13 March).

The COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing concern and strict measures will be adopted by the authorities to detect infected individuals through testing, screening and isolation.

People entering Beijing from other cities in mainland China will need to use the Beijing Health Kit, providing information on their travel history and health status.

In addition to this, the north-eastern areas of China where the events are scheduled to take place will be vulnerable to adverse weather conditions and associated travel disruption.

Heavy snow, dense fog and poor visibility are likely to result in short-notice disruption to flights and impede overland travel due to train cancellations and highway closures.

While crime rates in Beijing and its environs are generally low, foreign nationals should remain vigilant.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO MANAGERS

Below are some of our recommendations to manage associated risks to protect the safety and security of your employees:

Business continuity plans should be reviewed and updated amid any further release of information, such as on restrictions related to the Winter Games. These should take into account the potential for disruption due to increased traffic restrictions and security measures within host cities.

Managers should monitor developments and restrictions related to the Winter Games as well as COVID-19-related measures, which will be in place in February-March (also coinciding with the Chinese Spring Festival).

They should be prepared to activate business continuity and/or contingency plans.

Managers should check the latest Beijing 2022 Playbooks and work with COVID-19 Liaison Officers (CLO) to ensure travellers comply with the listed restrictions. This includes downloading any health regulation apps as well as adhering to short-notice movement restrictions.

Managers should ensure robust communications plans are in place, including the ability to notify and account for the safety of employees across multiple technological platforms.



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