Crisis Management in Travel Conference
24 April 2019 • UK Chamber of Shipping, 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ

Delivering Psychological and Trauma Support
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Plus a half-day workshop

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Agenda

09:30 Registration, tea and coffee
09:50 Welcome and introduction from the moderator
  Nikki White, Director of Destinations and Sustainability, ABTA
10:00 Panel discussion: priorities for crisis management in a changing world
  ◦ Considering the political, social, technological and economic threats in destinations
  ◦ Learnings from high profile recent crises
  ◦ Emerging threats
  Julia Longbottom, Director, Consular Services, FCO
  Angela Hills, Senior Destinations Manager – Health, Safety, Crisis & Operations, ABTA
  Victims of Terrorism Unit, Home Office
  Counter Terrorism Police UK (final confirmation required)
10:40 Learning from recent high profile crisis management cases in travel and tourism
  ◦ Recent cases and impacts for the travel industry – tour operators, hoteliers, destinations and airlines
  ◦ Understanding updates to your legal obligations and the duty of care
  Claire Mulligan, Partner, Kennedys
11:10 Tea and coffee break
11:40 Setting the framework for managing a crisis – how stakeholders should respond
  Andrew Couper, Head of Crisis Management, TUI UK & Ireland
12:05 New thinking in travel crisis management
  Richard Gordon, Director, Bournemouth University Disaster Management Centre (BUDMC)
12:30 The role of social media in crisis management communications
  Jonathan Hemus, Founder and Managing Director, Insignia Comms
12:45 Panel discussion: new developments in crisis management communications
  ◦ The importance of risk and reputation management
  ◦ Social media and responding to fake news
  ◦ New threats e.g. cyber attacks
  ◦ Technological solutions to communicate with customers in the event of a crisis
  Rachel O’Reilly, Head of Communications, Kuoni
  Jonathan Hemus, Founder and Managing Director, Insignia Comms
  A representative from Crisp Thinking
13:10 Networking lunch
14:00 How the travel and tourism industry can respond to an emergency situation arising out of airline insolvency
  A representative from CMAC
14:20 Panel discussion: industry partnerships working to respond to a crisis
  ◦ Sharing information between agencies to manage crisis situations affecting travellers
  ◦ Developing an effective evacuation and repatriation plan in the event of a crisis
  Darren Carter, Head of Group Security, Edwardian Hotels and Chair, Institute of Hotel Security Management
  Angela Hills, Senior Destinations Manager – Health, Safety, Crisis & Operations, ABTA
  A representative from CMAC
  Additional panellists to be announced shortly
14:55 Preparing your staff in their roles and responsibilities to effectively manage a crisis situation
  ◦ Defined roles and responsibilities
  ◦ Examples
  Colin McGregor, Managing Director, Tranquilico
15:10 Tea and coffee break
15:30 Destination crisis management – case study
  ◦ Operational support and working across key stakeholders
  ◦ Communications management – when and how a destination is safe
15:55 A tour operator’s perspective of improving crisis management in destinations
  ◦ Learning from crisis events
  ◦ Using crisis counsellors on the ground
  ◦ Organising risk management training for the extended supply chain
  John Telfer, Deputy Managing Director, Explore Worldwide
16:20 Post-incident support – ensuring the right level of psychological support for those affected by a crisis
  ◦ Understanding the impact on mental health and the response for victims of trauma
  ◦ Knowing when to deliver support, recognising need
  ◦ Managing support for customers and staff and ensuring access to the right level of support
  Marilyn Hayn, Psychological Practitioner/Trainer, British Red Cross
16:45 Closing remarks from the moderator
  Nikki White, Director of Destinations and Sustainability, ABTA
17:00 Close and networking drinks
Crisis Management in Travel Conference

From natural disasters to illness outbreaks, terrorist attacks and airline insolvency, dealing effectively with a crisis situation comes down to preparedness. Are you prepared?

How you handle a crisis situation can minimise the impact of events, determine the safety of your customers and employees and ensure a speedy recovery for your travel business or destination.

ABTA’s Crisis in Travel Management Conference brings together key stakeholders from across UK travel and tourism, including tour operators, destinations and tourism boards, hotels and airlines. All businesses should regularly review their crisis management plans to minimise the impact of a crisis situation on customers, staff and destinations.

Delivering Psychological and Trauma Support Workshop

This optional half-day workshop looks at how travel businesses can support customers and staff who are caught up in a crisis. Attend this workshop to increase your understanding of psychological trauma and learn how to prepare your staff who are deployed to deal with incidents.

Discover the proactive steps you can take to offer psychological support to customers, staff and relatives as part of your crisis response.

Benefits of attending

- Get an update on recent high profile crises and emerging threats
- Learn about new developments in crisis management communications and how to handle social media during a crisis
- Hear industry case studies about how travel companies and destinations can recover from a crisis
- Gain insight into how to handle an emergency situation that arises out of airline insolvency
- Ensure the right level of psychological support for those affected by a crisis
- Take steps to train your operational staff who will be dealing with customers during a crisis

Who should attend?

This event is aimed at those across the travel and tourism sector who are responsible for crisis management, including tour operators, travel agencies, airlines, airports, hotels and destinations:

- CEOs and directors
- Crisis management, emergency planning, resilience, risk management and operational teams
- Communications and PR teams
- Health & safety teams
- Customer service and care teams
- Legal teams

Agenda

09:00  Registration, tea and coffee
09:30  Welcome from the event moderator
       Moderator: Angela Hills, Senior Destinations Manager – Health, Safety, Crisis & Operations, ABTA
09:40  Trauma support – an overview
       - What is psychological trauma?
       - Typical psychological reactions of survivors, relatives and colleagues
       - Why deliver proactive support
       Kevin Tasker, Partner, The Centre for Crisis Psychology (CCP)
10:10  Pre-crisis – being prepared and what it means in terms of psychological support
       - Procedures and protocols
       - Training
       - Considering the use of external support services
       An industry representative
10:30  Training your operational staff who will be dealing with survivors and relatives
       - Preparing telephone-based personnel and ground staff
       - Training operational staff to offer psychological comfort
       - Supporting customers after a traumatic incident
       Kevin Tasker, Partner, CCP
11:00  Networking tea and coffee break
11:20  Practical activity – communications guidance
       - How to communicate with customers and relatives who are dealing with trauma
       Moderated by Kevin Tasker, Partner, CCP and Angela Hills, Senior Destinations Manager – Health, Safety, Crisis & Operations, ABTA
11:50  Understanding the psychological effects of trauma and how your business can respond
       - Identifying trauma in customers and staff
       - Early intervention and identification
       - Referral for trauma counselling
       - Coordinating a multi-agency response
       Kevin Tasker, Partner, CCP
12:15  Post crisis support case study
12:35  Questions and discussion
12:45  Close of workshop and light lunch

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