

Security Briefing for Participants

ACT General Assembly

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Uppsala, Sweden

Security Risk Assessment Summary

The security risk assessment conducted by The ACT Secretariat and the Church of Sweden for the assembly generally rate the risks as low or very low.

Sweden is a stable democracy, an open country that support its citizen's freedom and right to express themselves. General election will be held in September but no major security threats are expected due to the election. Swedish is the official language but most swedes speak more than one language and English is the most common second language spoken.

Crime levels are relatively low in Sweden. In Uppsala petty crime, scams and robbery are possible, as in any major city. Be aware of your surroundings, especially if moving around the city at night. Secure valuables in your room or in the hotels safe at all times. Be extra cautious around cash points or when exchanging currency.

Sweden has a good medical system. Uppsala has one of the top hospitals in Sweden, *Akademiska sjukhuset* (The University hospital), located nearby the venue and the hotels. At the venue there are first aiders available as well as heart starters. These services will also be available through the hotel staff.

Sweden has taken important steps to ensure that LGBTI people enjoy the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. Most recently, a gender-neutral wedding law was passed in 2009. Shortly after that the Church of Sweden permitted same-sex marriages.

As in many other low risk countries traffic accidents would be the main source of serious injury or death. Traffic security in Sweden is however very good and an ongoing development to improve traffic is going on. In Uppsala one of the biggest challenges would be all the bikers in town, not always paying attention to pedestrians and cars.

There are minimal serious safety & security threats related to the ACT General assembly in Uppsala. However, any time a large number of people travel to any location accidents may occur and security incidents may happen. ACT and Church of Sweden has made safety & security planning a key element in preparations for the events and has safety management systems in place. Be aware, safeguard your belongings and follow safety advice and you should have no problems while attending the assembly.

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