

If you still decide to go:

- ◆ Tell someone where you will be going and when to expect you back
- ◆ Never go alone; go with people you know well and stay together
- ◆ Do not take any sort of gun or gun related items into Mexico, they are illegal.
- ◆ Have nothing to do with drugs while in Juarez
- ◆ While buying prescription pills is legal in Mexico it is still illegal to possess them in the United States
- ◆ Check the U.S. department of State website for further travel warnings.
- ◆ The U.S. consulate is located at:
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Dangers of Juarez



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is it worth it?**



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Some things to keep in mind before crossing the border

- ◆ Over 600 people have been killed so far this year in Juarez.
- ◆ 18 armed uniformed police have been killed in Juarez
- ◆ It is common for bartenders to be paid to put roofies in drinks
- ◆ Fort Bliss has put a ban on its soldiers traveling into Juarez
- ◆ Many killings are happening on the street during the day not just at night in back alleys
- ◆ The U.S. Department of State has issued a travel warning for people traveling into Juarez
- ◆ You can be held in Juarez jail for up to 48 hours with no cause or proper phone call
- ◆ NPR has said that Juarez is the deadliest city in Mexico

Quick Fact:
Rohypnol and other date rape drugs are legal in Mexico and bartenders have been known to slip them into drinks for a few extra bucks.

You will need to have a copy of your birth certificate as well as your drivers license in order to cross the border. Soon you will need a passport in order to cross the border. With all of these documents it is much easier for someone to steal your identity if they are lost.

Parents, you can prevent your children from crossing the border by keeping their passports and birth certificates at home.



Are a few cheap beers worth risking your life or jail time for?

Escalating Violence

2008 has been the deadliest year in Juarez history

- ◆ No one is immune to the violence across the border.
- ◆ Many people have died from stray bullets from gun fights.
- ◆ The drug cartel will kill anyone who gets in their way including children.

Local police are ill equipped to deal with the situation and are often victims themselves. Many are buying their own bullet proof vest such as below.

