



Tianjin

## CITY SECURITY GUIDE

### CRIME

Tianjin has a relatively low crime rate, though petty crime remains a risk. Travellers are advised to be careful of pickpockets in crowded locations, including markets, city squares and transport hubs, such as the three train stations (main, north and west).

### SOCIAL UNREST

Demonstrations over local issues, such as perceived official corruption, occur periodically. Additionally, crowds may gather spontaneously to vent their anger at perceived injustices, often sparked off by apparently minor incidents such as traffic accidents. Protests however typically occur in more isolated areas, are short-lived and swiftly contained by the police.

### TERRORISM

The government considers separatist Uighur Muslims from the north-west Xinjiang province a threat to security and there have been claims of disrupted terrorist attacks outside the far north-west; most notably, the authorities in 2008 arrested several Uighurs in Xinjiang in connection with an alleged plot to carry out attacks at the Olympic Games in Beijing.

The authorities have also linked an October 2013 car incident in Beijing and a March 2014 knife attack in Kunming railway station (Yunnan province) with Xinjiang-based Uighur militancy. If official claims are accurate, these incidents indicate that Uighur militants maintain the intent to conduct attacks outside Xinjiang. However, the security forces' tight surveillance makes it difficult for militant groups to operate beyond remote or stronghold areas. While crude, small-scale attacks by individuals in major cities can never be ruled out, the risk remains low.

### TROUBLE SPOTS

The incidence of petty crime is higher around the main bus and train stations. In addition, the following areas have high theft rates:

- Shan Shan road, near the train station.
- Around the intersection of Hunan road and Zongshan North road near the Tianjin railway station.

### SEEKING HELP

The police deal effectively with most routine problems and generally treat foreigners courteously. For more serious problems, travellers should also alert their embassy in Beijing and inform the police that they have done so. Embassies can exert pressure at high levels of the police force and ensure that cases are dealt with appropriately.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire: 119

Police: 110

Ambulance services are not recommended. Contact [International SOS](#) for help with your medical situation.

## CITY TRAVEL GUIDE

### PORT OF ENTRY

Airport code: [TSN](#)

Binhai International Airport is situated 15 miles (24km) east of the [city centre](#). There are daily flights to the major cities on the mainland, Hong Kong and several regional destinations. It is a hub for Tianjin Airlines. The airport has standard facilities.

### TO CITY CENTRE

It is best to travel to and from the airport by taxi. The taxi rank is located outside the terminal building. The journey takes about 25 minutes. Always agree on the fare before entering the taxi.

### TAXIS

Taxis are abundant and the safest and easiest way to cover longer distances. Foreigners should use licensed taxis, which are clearly marked with taxi signs and can

give receipts. Travellers should have their destination written in Chinese as drivers can rarely speak English; hotel staff can translate destinations into Chinese if necessary. Rates per kilometre are displayed on the rear side window of every taxi. They vary slightly according to the size and comfort of the vehicle. All taxis are metered and drivers should always use the meter or agree the fare in advance. Drivers do not expect to be tipped.

## **WALKING**

The central business and commercial district can be safely and comfortably covered on foot, provided that heat and humidity levels are not oppressive.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

The [metro](#) system consists of Tianjin Metro and Binhai Mass Transit systems. Tianjin Metro-Line 1 is fully operational and runs from Liuyuan to Shuanglin; Line 2 operates in two separate sections - the western part runs between Caozhuang and Dongnanjiao, while the eastern section connects Tianjinzhen and Konggangjingjiqu. Line 3 runs from Gaoxinqu to Xiaodian. Line 9 runs east to west between Dhonghai Road and Tianjin Railway station. The [Binhai](#) light rail line, which serves Binhai New Area and Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area (TEDA), is also undergoing extension work. Foreigners should not use buses, which are crowded, confusing and frequented by pickpockets.

## **CAR HIRE**

Hiring a car is not advisable. Driving is hazardous because of the number of unqualified drivers, the volume of traffic and the poor road surfaces. Hotels can provide chauffeur-driven cars.

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## **DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION**

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