

Family, Friend or Employee Kidnapped?

What should you do?

Unfortunately in many regions, often regions we previously thought of as safe, Kidnappings, extortion and related crimes are dramatically increasing.

When an incident like this occurs the perpetrators, whether criminal or politically motivated, invade your life with an unexpected chaos of unimaginable consequences. They prey on your human emotions, control you with threats and demands and instantly turn your whole life upside down.

For everyone involved the trauma can have a significant everlasting psychological affect and if handled incorrectly can quickly end in tragedy.

In many countries the authorities are not adequately trained, and do not always have the resources to manage such cases. Also corruption and inside-involvement in the kidnap industry is common in many regions. For others a Governments Foreign Policy is not to negotiate with such perpetrators, leaving the Police and other Agencies limited with what they can actually achieve.

However, despite the significant risks and trauma, if such incidents are managed with care, diligence and an understanding of the psychology and security aspects of safe repatriation then successful safe resolution is very common when managed with the right expertise.

Our Kidnap & Ransom Response Consultants can advise you on the likely kidnap type and perpetrators, and help you with strategies to negotiate correctly and increase the chances of a safe resolution. Our psychologists can provide on-going support, and our Intelligence function works on supporting you with information critical in resolving the situation successfully.

Initial advice

- ✓ Ascertain accurate information and be certain of the type of crime
- ✓ Comply with any demands in a calm manner
- ✓ Record all information and recall as many details as you can
- ✓ Limit who else the perpetrators may contact, so they deal with just one person
- ✓ Try not to pay any money without expert advice
- ✓ Minimise to them your access to any funds, etc and try and push for time
- ✓ Keep the situation private until expert advice is sourced
- ✓ Don't divulge any personal information
- ✓ Don't promise what you cannot deliver
- ✓ Don't believe all the say, threats, locations, etc are often just intimidation tactics
- ✓ Plan for the days and weeks ahead
- ✓ Try to control communications, how and when contact will be made
- ✓ Seek expert confidential advice as soon as possible