



## NEA Safety and Security Guidelines for Visitors

Ghana is a relatively safe and stable country, and we expect that you will enjoy your time with us. What follows are some guidelines to ensure that you have the best possible experience while traveling to and staying in Northern Ghana. Please remember that inappropriate or offensive behavior can put our organization in a difficult position, as well as put you at risk.

### Visitors

Visitors must stay at all times with the NEA staff assigned to them in the country. Under no circumstances should a visitor leave without a NEA staff accompanying them. All travel in Ghana will be arranged by NEA, and visitors must travel with the NEA staff. Road travel must be done during daylight.

### Awareness of Criminal Activity

Criminal activity has become one of the greatest threats to non-governmental workers. Visitors should avoid carrying large amounts of cash and should stay alert to potential high crime areas (i.e. tourist areas).

### Appropriate Dress

Please dress conservatively and be appropriately groomed, considering local customs and dress codes. Please do not wear clothing with spaghetti straps or short shorts. If you wear skirts, please opt for knee-length or longer. For cultural reasons, dreadlocks and multiple piercings are not permitted.

### Prohibited Behaviours

#### Smoking

The NEA site is a non-smoking site. Visitors are expected to maintain a nonsmoking lifestyle while in NEA's Project Area.<sup>1</sup>

#### Alcohol

For security, cultural and poverty alleviation reasons, NEA staff and representatives refrain from consuming alcohol. Visitors and guests are expected to do the same while they are staying in the Project Area. Specifically, Visitors may not at any time:

- bring alcohol from outside of the NEA Carpenter Project site to consume onsite;
- request a Ghanaian staff member, volunteer, or other local connection to bring alcohol to the NEA Carpenter Project site;
- consume alcohol at any local establishments in Carpenter, Bamboi, Asantekwaa, Nyamboi, Yaara, or other communities in NEA's Project Area.

Such behavior causes extreme harm to NEA's community development programming; thus any Visitor who violates the strict prohibition against alcohol will immediately be sent home at his/her own expense.

#### Illegal Drugs

The use, presence, sale, distribution, manufacture or possession of illegal drugs or controlled drugs is strictly prohibited. By law, any Visitor who violates this prohibition must be handed over to the Ghanaian police.

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<sup>1</sup> NEA's Project Area includes Carpenter, Bamboi, Asantekwaa, Nyamboi, Yaara, and the other 150 communities in the region where NEA implements development programs.



## Waiver and Release

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First Name	Last Name	
_____	_____	
Street Address	Address Line 2	
_____	_____	
City	Province	Postal

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry as a visitor of Northern Empowerment Association, Ghana, I, myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, waive any claims to which I may become entitled for injury, death or damage and release Northern Empowerment Association and their sister organization in Canada, Ghana Rural Integrated Development and all other organizers, sponsors, representatives, their agents, directors, officers, volunteers and employees and any other person or organization assisting the visit from any claims, demands, damages, actions or cause of actions arising out of or in consequence of any loss, injury, death or damages to my person or property incurred while participating in activities or traveling to or from the location of the project area. I further state that I am in proper condition to participate in any activities and am aware that participation could, in some circumstances, result in physical injury or even death.

Read and signed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ .  
location date

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Visitor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Name

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Witness Signature