

Child Wise

Lao PDR is becoming an increasingly popular tourist destination. While most international visitors respect our local culture, environment and people, sadly, some tourists seek to sexually exploit local children during their travels. The sexual abuse and exploitation of children has serious, life-long and even life-threatening consequences. Child-sex tourism is a crime and an intolerable violation of the rights of a child. Strong laws exist in Lao PDR to protect children and heavy penalties apply to people who sexually exploit children.

The government of Lao PDR is committed to protecting children. For many years, the Lao government has been working in partnership with Australia's leading child protection agency, Child Wise, to protect children from child-sex tourism. In a practical effort to protect children, the Lao government has joined forces with local businesses to participate in an ASEAN-wide campaign supported by the Australian government and Child Wise. This campaign encourages local citizens and responsible tourists to phone a national hotline if they observe tourists behaving suspiciously around local children.



Child protection is everyone's responsibility. Please help us to stop the sexual abuse of children by reporting suspicious behaviour. Don't ignore it! Your actions will be critical in helping to protect children from this abuse. Phone the Lao national hotline on **021 251128**.

ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) is a global network with over 70 affiliate organisations around the world. Their website is www.ecpat.net.

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Working together, we can protect children.



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