



## **GROUPS TRAVELLING FROM IRELAND WITHIN EUROPE ONLY**

The **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** is a card issued to a citizen of a country when travelling abroad, it entitles you to healthcare through the public system if you become ill or injured while on a temporary stay.

If you don't have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), or you can't use it (for instance, for private health care), you can't be refused treatment, but you might have to pay for your treatment upfront and claim reimbursement once you get home, provided you have adequate insurance cover.

*Remember that a GHIC or EHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance.* It will not cover any private medical healthcare or costs, such as mountain rescue in ski resorts or lost or stolen property.

Group leaders can consult the website [www.ehic.ie](http://www.ehic.ie) for further information. All citizens of Ireland are entitled to an EHIC and also foreign nationals who have been resident in Ireland for one year or more.

## **GROUPS TRAVELLING FROM NORTHERN IRELAND AND UK WITHIN EUROPE ONLY - POST BREXIT**

If you are travelling to the EU, you can apply for a free **Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)**. If you already have an EHIC it will still be valid as long as it remains in date. A GHIC or EHIC gives you the right to access emergency state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in those countries.

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Check for the [latest information on GHIC or EHIC](#) online.

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