

Although security in Colombia is a concern, business visits are not a problem. As a first step, it is important to register with the Canadian Embassy. Problems can be minimized by avoiding unnecessary risks. For example, company vehicles should not be identified by decals, avoid wandering the streets at night, travel long distances by plane rather than automobile. In Bogota, confine activities to the north, or safer portion, of the city.

Oil companies maintain very good security in the field and as a result have had few problems. The increased security does, however, add to their operating costs. No foreign company has left Colombia due to security reasons.