



Travel Safety

Travelling By Car • At Hotel • Other Tips

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If you feel uncomfortable – LEAVE !

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check to see if the area you want to visit is tourist friendly. If not, do not visit there. Travel advisory information is posted regularly in major newspapers and is available through your travel agent.
- Get references from family and friends about the areas you plan to visit.
- Make reservations with a reputable travel agent.
- Let someone you trust know your travel plans, and if they are changed, inform them.
- Obtain travel insurance.
- Photocopy all your travel documents, including your passport and anything with your signature, and leave them for safe keeping with a relative or friend you can contact easily. In the event that you lose your documentation while travelling, the copies can be faxed to you.

WHEN TRAVELLING BY CAR

- Have your vehicle tuned up, including checking the tire conditions.
- Maintain proper fluid levels, including the gas level. Keep the tank full.
- Know where you're going.
- Obtain current maps. Don't leave the maps on display for everyone to see.
- Use well-travelled roads.
- Keep doors locked and windows rolled up.
- Don't look like a tourist.
- Don't stop for strangers or someone with car trouble. Call the police for them.
- Don't leave valuables inside the car; place them out of sight or in the trunk.
- If you need to stop, use well-lit, populated service stations or stores.

- Accompany your children when they go to the restrooms.
- Be aware of your surroundings and watch for suspicious characters.

IF YOU HAVE CAR TROUBLE

- Stay with the car until help arrives.
- Keep the doors locked and the windows closed.



- Keep the hood down. If it is raised up, it obstructs your view of oncoming people or traffic.
- If your vehicle develops a flat tire in an unsafe area, remember you can drive slowly on it to safety.
- Place a "Call Police" sign in the window.
- If a stranger offers to help, do not get out of the car. Ask them to call the police for you or advise them that the police are on their way.
- Buy or rent a cellular telephone and know what the emergency numbers are for the area you're travelling.
- Remember 9-1-1 on a cellular telephone does not give police your location. Know where you are so that emergency services can locate you.

AIRPORT TRAVEL SAFETY

- Pack light – you don't want to be burdened by heavy bags.

- Do not put jewelry or other valuables in checked baggage. Keep them on you or better yet leave them at home or in a safety deposit box.
- Constantly monitor your bags – especially your carry on – keep a 'hands on approach' all the time.
- Don't carry all your cash, traveler's cheques etc. in one bag. Spread them between your wallet, pockets and carry on. If you happen to be victim of a theft, you won't be left stranded without any money.
- Be aware going through the security check point at the gate – wait for the person in front of you to clear the monitor before placing your bags on the x-ray belt so you can follow them through.
- If you can, keep important documents such as your passport, in an inside shirt pocket.
- While on the aircraft, keep your small bag close to you. Use a bag that's not too easy to open up. If you store it in the overhead bin, use the one across the aisle so you can observe someone opening it.

HOTEL SAFETY

- Check in and out discretely. If the hotel desk clerk announces your room number, request another room.
- Verify key procedures.

A SAFER COMMUNITY TOGETHER

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TRAVEL SAFETY

- Keep baggage in view.
- Have the porter check the room first, to ensure it's empty and secure.
- Keep doors and windows locked, including the balcony door.
- Don't allow hotel staff, service people, or any other visitors into your room without confirming who they are with the front desk.
- Don't leave keys lying around. Report lost keys immediately and consider changing rooms.
- Don't leave your door unlocked even if you're just going down the hall. Someone could help themselves to your belongings within a very short period of time, or be in the room when you return.
- Place the "Do not disturb" sign on the door, when going out. It creates the illusion that someone is there.

OTHER TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS

- Put your valuables in a safety deposit box.
- Don't advertise your travel plans, especially to people you don't know well. Pay attention to those eavesdropping on your conversation.
- Use your business address instead of your home address and phone number on your luggage.
- Don't use fancy business cards on your luggage. Use a plain label instead.
- Never leave your keys in your coat pocket, and don't put your address on the key ring.
- Use a money belt instead of carrying a purse. If you must carry a purse don't leave any valuables in it.
- Always carry local currency when you are travelling, or widely accepted foreign currency. i.e., U.S. dollars.
- Use a reliable taxi service and don't take an "alternative" route.
- Know local emergency numbers, or carry them with you. Carry enough local coins for the phone.
- Look for hotels with 24 hour security personnel.
- Use the hotel safe for valuables.
- If you travel with computer sensitive-type material, put it on a thumb drive and carry the thumb drive with you. Do not leave any important information on the computer hard drive.

- Whenever you feel unsure about using a local city bus, sit near the driver.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE CHECKLIST

When we leave for work or go out, we routinely check to ensure that we have turned off the coffee pot, unplugged the curling iron and locked the door. Why is it that when we go on vacation, we forget to complete a similar type checklist? This section has been developed to provide you with some suggestions of things to check before you go on vacation.

- Have I checked to see that the country I am travelling in has a travel warning issued?
- If I am travelling to a foreign country, did I get all required vaccinations?
- Do I have my medication, if needed?
- Do I have travel insurance?
- Do I have my travel tickets? Do I have my passport?
- Have I recorded my passport number in a safe place?
- Do I have the number where I can report my passport lost or stolen?
- If my credit card is lost or stolen, do I have the emergency number to phone and cancel it?
- Do I have my traveller's cheques?
- Have I recorded my traveller's cheque numbers in a separate location?
- Do I have the emergency number for the traveller's cheque company?
- Have I made arrangements to have a trusted friend or family member look after the house when I am away?
- Will they pick up the newspapers and mail?
- Will they clear the driveway and walkways, in the winter, and cut the lawn in the summer?
- Will they put out the garbage?
- Can they leave a vehicle in my driveway?

- Have I left them my route of travel?
- Have I left an emergency number where I can be reached?
- Are my lights, radio and television on programmable timers?
- Have I set the outside lights on timers?
- Is the car tuned up and ready to go?
- Do I have my route mapped out?
- Do I know the emergency numbers for the area I am travelling?
- Do I know where I can get help, if I need it?
- Do I have my cellular telephone with me?
- Is my cellular telephone in working order?
- Do I have an extra battery or car adapter?
- Will my cellular telephone work in the areas I am travelling?
- Do I understand how the roaming feature works?
- If I have tenants, have I left them the number where I can be reached?