

VACATION SAFETY



BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- Establish an itinerary and a list of emergency phone contacts. Provide these to a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Identify your luggage with name tags both inside and out. Use only your first initial and last name. Never include your address.
- Photocopy all credit cards and travelers checks. Keep that record in a safe place for emergency reference.
- Stop home mail delivery at the post office or arrange daily pickup by a friend.
- If you don't use a house sitter, put lights and radios on a timer to make your home look "lived in" while you're away.
- Contact your local law enforcement agency. Advise them of your absence and request frequent patrol checks of your home and property.
- Obtain a pre-paid phone card for emergencies that may arise.

Vacations with family and friends, or even seeing the world on your own, are highlights of the year.

Nothing can ruin the fun and relaxation of a vacation more quickly than being victimized by crime. Although there are no 100% safe vacation destinations, there are things you can do to make your time away less prone to criminal activity.

Develop a greater awareness of your surroundings while on vacation and use some of our tips so the memories of your next vacation are ones you will never forget.

- Emergency water and freeze dried food can be stored in a trunk or around a spare tire.
- Make sure you have proper clothing for outdoor conditions and seasonal weather. Coats and emergency blankets could save your life if your car fails in the winter.

- Don't pick up hitchhikers.
- Avoid assisting stranded motorists. Call emergency services if you see someone in need.

HOTEL & SIGHTSEEING TIPS

HOTEL SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Be organized. Unpack your belongings so you can recognize missing items.
- Take your cash, credit cards and
- Car keys with you. Other valuables should be left in the hotel safe.

- Once your room has been serviced by maid, place the "do not disturb" sign on the door.
- Leave a radio or television on when you leave the room. It will provide an impression that someone is inside.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Notify hotel security of any questionable persons in the area.

SAFETY WHILE TRAVELING

- Prior to traveling, make sure your vehicle has been serviced and is in good running order.
- Inspect tire inflation levels and wiper blade conditions.
- Never let your fuel tank get below ¼ full. If possible, keep it above ½ full.
- Obtain a first-aid kit for your vehicle.

SIGHTSEEING TIPS

- Seek advice from the hotel concierge about safe attractions and tour guide recommendations.
- Avoid carrying large sums of cash.