

Travel Tips to Keep You and Your Valuables Safe

The following are tips for you to follow during your vacation or business trip:



Before You Leave

- Stop mail and cancel all deliveries, or ask a friend or neighbor to make daily collections.
- Hide empty garbage cans.
- Have a neighbor maintain your yard.
- Put an automatic timer on lights, televisions or radios.
- Leave your blinds or shades in their normal position.
- Tell a trusted neighbor your departure and return dates. Supply that neighbor with phone numbers in case of an emergency and leave them a house key.
- Ask the police department to periodically check your residence.
- Lock all windows and doors, including the basement and garage.

While On Your Trip

- › Carry a minimum amount of cash. If you use traveler's checks, keep records of the numbers separate and in a safe place.
- › Keep a careful watch on your traveling tickets. Carry them in an inside pocket.
- › If driving, plan your route. Have your car serviced, including your tires. Always lock your car when it is parked and keep valuables out of sight.
- › Never pick up hitchhikers.
- › Carry your cell phone.
- › When you stop for the night, remove bags and other valuables from the car.
- › Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries, flares, fire extinguisher and a first aid kit.

Airport Safety

- › Before leaving for the airport, familiarize yourself with its layout on the airport website.
- › Leave your valuables, jewelry, designer luggage, etc., at home.
- › Walk with confidence, being sure to keep your head up and looking forward at all times.
- › Immediately report any suspicious activity to airport security, including any abandoned bags.
- › Only use taxis and transportation services with official markings.
- › Never accept gifts or packages from unknown parties.
- › Never leave your luggage unattended.
- › Mark your luggage so you can easily identify it, and pick it up right away.

For more information on travel safety...

American Academy of Pediatrics:

www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/travelsafetytips.cfm

The Safe Traveler:

www.safetraveler.com



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