

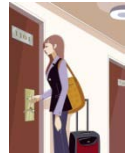
Summer SAFETY

ARE YOU TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?



HERE ARE A FEW HOTEL SAFETY / SECURITY ITEMS TO REMEMBER:

If you are carrying substantial amounts of money, and electronic items such as cameras, laptops, cell phones, you may be a target for criminals. We may be more relaxed and less conscious of possible crimes that may occur.

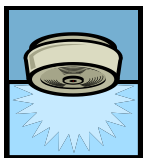


Some hotels are safer than others. Do not hesitate to call the local police department in your vacation area and ask if there are hotels that they would recommend as far as safety and lack of crimes. If you are traveling overseas, travelers can contact the U.S. Embassy's Resident Security Officer to find out any areas you may want to avoid.



On arrival, watch your luggage at all times before and while you check in; do not leave unattended. If you are a woman traveling alone, you may want to consider registering as husband and wife. In any case, you should register without a title that might reveal your gender or profession; a first initial and last name is enough. Avoid ground-floor rooms with windows to the outside.

Once in your room, check the door lock to be sure it works correctly and check the windows and any outside doors to make sure they are locked. Doors secured with modern electronic locks are more secure than mechanical locks. Mechanical lock keys can be duplicated or lost, but if an electronic key is lost, the room can quickly be rekeyed.



Look to make sure your room is equipped with sprinklers and smoke alarms. Always keep a flashlight handy in case of fire or other power outages. Try the room phone, and make sure you have access to an outside line for any emergency. Cell phones don't always have a signal. There should be a fire evacuation plan in your room. If there is not, request one from the front desk and study it carefully.

Enjoy your vacation! These tips are to help you to be prepared, and it is better to be "safe than sorry".

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