

TRAVEL AND VACATION SAFETY

7 – Ways to Ruin a good Vacation

Wear your best jewelry.

Tantalize thieves with an overstuffed purse.

Stick your hotel keys in an outside pocket of your purse or your suitcase where you—and anyone—can find them easily.



Wear a lost and bewildered look.

Don't study your maps before you go. Wait until you're lost and in the middle of a busy street.

Take lots of cash and stuff it in your pocket—along with all your credit cards.

Carry your plane tickets and passport in full view.

Tips to SAVE Your Vacation

Preparing to leave

Don't advertise your absence. Beware who you – AND your children/family – tell about your trip. You never know who's listening and making notes.

Use timers, photoelectric cells for indoor and outdoor lighting.

Notify post office to hold mail, put your newspapers on vacation 'hold'.

Ask trusted neighbor to park in your driveway, put garbage in your cans and put them out on trash day

Check your homeowners policy . . . does it cover theft at hotel/motel?

When traveling by car

Pack items in trunk, NOT in the passenger compartment of the car

Lock your doors when driving or when parked

Carry a **"Call Police"** sign and tear gas unit in your personal or rental car

If your car is hit or bumped, stay in your car and let the other person approach you. If you feel your in potential danger or feel threatened, drive off and call police

Share your plans with someone at home and/or your destination so they know your itinerary and route. Have check in times to they will know if you have not arrived within a reasonable time frame.

Keep your car and tires in top working order. Carry a can of instant flat fixer in your trunk and keep you gas tank ABOVE ¼ take at all times.

Never leave valuables in your car overnight. Use the hotel safe.

Lone females are at high risk when traveling alone in cars. Wear baseball hat to hide hair, remove jewelry.

When you fly

Put name and phone number only on luggage tags

Place your name and address **INSIDE** your luggage in case the tag is lost

Lock luggage with TSA approved locks. **DO NOT OVERSTUFF** luggage (It may pop open)

Put cash, cashier checks and valuable in carry-on luggage

Staying in hotels

Call ahead to re-verify your room is reserved and ready. Arrive before dark if possible

The safest floors are 3 - 6. Try to get your room on one of those floors. The 1st floor gets burglarized first.

Use hotel safes for valuables. Do **NOT** flash money or jewelry

If alone, carry your own luggage if possible. Get room near elevator to avoid long walks down hallway. Note fire exits.

Always lock doors. You can purchase portable alarms at most hardware stores. Call desk to report suspicious behavior from **ANYONE**

GENERAL TRAVEL TIPS

DO NOT CARRY ALL YOUR MONEY IN ONE PLACE! Distribute it between pockets, purse, wallets, and money belt

Write down all your credit card and passport numbers and keep them in a safe place. Make a copy of your passport and Drivers License

Be sure **YOUR** credit card is the one returned to you after each transaction. (not switch with a stolen one) **ALWAYS** check your receipts against your bill when you get home.

Avoid being on the streets alone. There is safety in numbers. Walking with 1 other person reduces your chances of being victimized by 50%. Walking with 4 or more people reduces those chances by 90%



**A message from Mc Gruff and the
National Crime Prevention Council**

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"... because what you don't know CAN hurt you"