Happy Trails, Travel Safety Tips

Don't Let Your Vacation or Holiday Travel Become Unraveled!

Travel is exciting—whether you're heading out for the holidays or planning upcoming summer adventures. But crowded tourist areas and unfamiliar places can also attract criminals watching for easy targets. Use these quick, smart safety tips to protect yourself and enjoy a worry-free trip.

Keep Your Trip Private

- Don't post travel plans online.
- Share photos after you return.

Avoid Flashy Jewelry

- Expensive items attract thieves.
- Leave valuables at home.

Drink Responsibly

- Stay alert when enjoying nightlife.
- Keep your drink in sight at all times.

Be Smart With Money

- Carry small amounts of cash.
- Use bank-located ATMs.
- Store backup money/cards separately.
- Keep digital copies of cards.

Know Local Emergency Numbers

- Save emergency numbers for your destination.
- If abroad, save your embassy's contact info.

Choose a Safe Travel Bag

- Use cross-body bags with RFID blockers, locking. zippers, and cut-resistant straps.

Bring Travel Locks

- Lock luggage in hotels.
- Secure bags to chairs in public spaces.

Keep Digital Copies of Documents

- Store passport and ID copies securely online.

Blend In With Locals

- Dress low-key.
- Step indoors to check maps or directions.

Use Trusted Transportation

- Research safe taxi companies.
- Verify the ride share driver and plate number.

Check In Daily

- Share your itinerary.
- Message someone each day.

Ask Locals What's Safe

- Hotel staff can guide you to safe/unsafe areas.

Keep Updated Maps Handy

- Download offline maps before you travel.
- Carry a paper map as a backup in case you lose cell service or GPS.

Use Travel Safety Websites

- Sitata: Real-time alerts (https://www.sitata.com/en/).

Smart Traveler: U.S. State Department advisories (https://mytravel.state.gov/s/step)

Stay Aware

- Thieves target distracted people. Be alert in crowds and quiet areas.

Trust Your Instincts

- If something feels wrong, leave immediately.

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