

# Spring Break Safety

## Property Security

- Ensure the safety of your valuable belongings by either not bringing them or having them locked in a hotel safe. If the place you are staying doesn't have a safe, stow valuables in the trunk of your car or a secured place in your room.
- Keep a mental note of all the important belongings that you brought with you.
- Lock your suitcase so that it cannot be used by a thief to carry your belongs out of your room.
- It is not uncommon for thieves to frequent hotel/motel lobbies and watch your luggage as you check in. Don't let reservation clerks announce your room number out loud.
- Keep a list of phone numbers to call in case your credit cards or traveler's checks are lost or stolen, as well as the numbers on your traveler's checks.

## Personal Safety

- Upon arriving at your destination prepare of list of emergency numbers such as the local police departments, hospitals, and other such emergency contacts. Don't forget to include phone numbers for family or friends that may be needed in case of an accident.
- Remember! There's safety in numbers. Try your best to stay around your friends. Three people watching out for each other is better than one. Don't ever let a friend go off with strangers by themselves.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash, traveler's checks. Don't "flash" your money around and don't inform people about the amount of money you brought with you.
- Don't bring strangers back to your room and don't give out any personal information about yourself or those you are with.
- Keep your room key close to you and try not to display it. That allows others to know where you are staying.
- Never give the appearance that you are lost.
- It is important to keep your drink in sight at all times. Never leave it unattended. This gives anyone the opportunity to "slip" something into your drink, be it acid, Rohypnol or other dangerous substances. This is often associated with sexual assaults and robberies.
- Reckless behavior while in another country can do more than ruin your vacation; it can land you in a foreign jail or worse! To have a safe trip, avoid risky behavior and become familiar with the basic laws and customs of the country you plan to visit before you travel.
- Finally, trust your instincts. If a situation or your surroundings give you a sense of unease, you're probably correct. Be watchful and alert.
- Many of these suggestions seem like common sense but are often forgotten or simply discarded. Always remember that there are people back home that love you and want you back in one piece. If not for yourself, take safety precautions for those who care about you.