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Security Tips for Traveling Abroad

Many people enjoy traveling abroad to learn about new and different cultures, history and traditions. However, international travel also carries significant security risks. After all, foreign tourists are often top targets for criminals and thieves. With this in mind, use the following guidance to protect yourself when you travel abroad.

Before You Go

- Familiarize yourself with local customs and laws, as you are subject to them while traveling.
- Bring resources that will allow you to translate between English and the primary language of the country you are traveling to. Practice saying common words and phrases in this language.
- Take small door and window locks with you while traveling, and use them in your hotel room.
- Register your travel plans with the State Department using their [Smart Traveler Enrollment program](#).
- Leave copies of your itinerary and passport with friends and family at home.

While You're Abroad

- Don't let anyone into your hotel room unless you can see who they are through the door's peephole.
- Avoid using taxis when possible. Instead, have your hotel's concierge service book a reliable driver or car service for you.
- Store important travel documents (e.g., insurance information and personal identification cards) in a safe and secure location in your hotel room.
- Keep a hand on your wallet or purse whenever you are out of your hotel room to keep it from getting stolen. Thieves often take advantage of distracted tourists and snatch their wallet or purse when they aren't looking.

Secure Adequate Coverage

In addition to these top tips, it's important to purchase proper insurance for your travels. Specifically, travel insurance can provide you with financial protection in the event of a disaster during your trip—such as getting ill or injured while abroad or having any personal items get lost or stolen throughout the course of your travels.

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