



**CRIME
PREVENTION**

Travel Smarts

Crime Prevention Tips

To make your trip a pleasant one, use common sense at the airport, on the road or at your hotel.

At the airport keep your luggage with you at all times. Carry your purse close to your body and keep your wallet or passport in an inside front pocket. Ask about the best way to get from the airport to your hotel. If you are taking a taxi or bus, find out in advance the cost and how long it will take to arrive.

Take time to learn about the place to which you are traveling. Ask the hotel concierge or friends who have visited the area for their recommendations about places to visit and the best maps to use. Where are the attractions? What's the best way to get around?

Carry only as much cash as you need and use travelers checks or credit cards when possible.

Don't give out your name or room number to strangers. If someone comes to your door, ask for identification and the nature of their business. If you didn't invite them or are suspicious, call the hotel operator and verify their identity.

The best way to foil thieves is to protect your valuables and your car. Don't leave cell phones, personal information, cameras, laptop computers or packages in plain view.

Remember while on vacation, whether you are sightseeing, shopping or enjoying the cultural institutions, be safe and travel smart.

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Identity theft is the fastest growing crime.

Protect your identity by protecting your personal information, credit cards and social security number. Only carry the minimum number of credit cards needed for travel. Keep a record of the card numbers, expiration dates and toll free customer service numbers in the event a card is lost or stolen.

Check the State Department's website www.travel.state.gov for safety information about the country you are traveling to. If you are traveling to an area known for unrest or safety concerns, notify your embassy of your whereabouts.

Provide a copy of your passport and itinerary to your office before you travel abroad.

Be wary of con artists and pickpockets when traveling. Pickpocket thieves work alone and in pairs or teams used to distract their targets. Keep your passport, identification and money in a money belt or travel pouch under your clothing. Don't leave your passport in your hotel room.

Enjoy your visit, have fun and travel smart.

For more information, contact Center City District's Crime Prevention Services at 215.440.5500.

