

TIPS

◆ BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

- ◆ Provide friends/family with a trip itinerary
- ◆ Luggage tags should not provide personal information to the casual observer
- ◆ Avoid parking close to bushes, try to park under a light.
- ◆ If you take the bus, sit near the driver.
- ◆ Never pick up hitchhikers.
- ◆ When driving, keep your purse on the floorboards, not on the seat.
- ◆ Do not appear too affluent
- ◆ Be alert in crowds, where pick-pockets do their best work.
- ◆ Instruct babysitters and children not to give out information about who is home, who is out and for how long.
- ◆ Leave emergency information with the baby/house sitter
- ◆ Don't act like a tourist
- ◆ Obtain a room between the 3rd and 7th floor
- ◆ Determine availability of hotel security...24/7?

CRIME PREVENTION PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE ON:

- ◆ PERSONAL SAFETY
- ◆ HOMELAND SECURITY
- ◆ HOME AND PROPERTY SECURITY
- ◆ INTERNET SECURITY
- ◆ IDENTITY THEFT
- ◆ COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION
- ◆ AUTOMOBILE SAFETY
- ◆ TRAVEL SAFETY
- ◆ INTERNET SECURITY/TELEPHONE/CELL PHONE SECURITY
- ◆ CHILD SAFETY
- ◆ DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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HAVE A PLAN . . .

- ◆ **AWARENESS** IS YOUR KEY TO SECURITY.
- ◆ **INTUITION** IS PART OF YOUR DEFENSE
- ◆ **ATTITUDE** IS A DEFENSE SHIELD
- ◆ **LIMITS** — KNOW AND ENFORCE YOUR PERSONAL LIMITS!

PARKING LOTS

- ◆ **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**
- ◆ Keep your keys out and ready.
- ◆ Park in a well lit area. Remember where you parked.
- ◆ Check the vehicles near by BEFORE you exit your vehicle.
- ◆ Look in and under your car BEFORE you unlock the door.
- ◆ Be prepared to drop your packages, RUN and YELL — “CALL 9-1-1” or “FIRE”.
- ◆ Get in, lock the door, THEN secure children in their seats.
- ◆ Ask for an escort from the mall or store if you feel uneasy

DRIVING

- ◆ **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**
- ◆ Plan your route carefully
- ◆ Always drive with the gas tank half full or more
- ◆ Keep car doors locked and windows closed
- ◆ Do not stop for a stalled motorist, instead call for help for them.
- ◆ Travel on main roads
- ◆ Use maps, get clear directions prior to travel.
- ◆ Have your car serviced and tires checked before leaving
- ◆ Avoid traveling at night

CARRY

- ◆ **CELL PHONE**
- ◆ Flashlight, new batteries
- ◆ Flares
- ◆ Fire Extinguisher
- ◆ First Aid Kit
- ◆ Blanket and Emergency Water/Food

WHEN YOU TRAVEL

- ◆ **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**
- ◆ Make a copy of your travel check register, tickets, passport, and other important documents. Keep them separated from the originals.
- ◆ Learn about the culture, customs, and laws of the place you are visiting
- ◆ When in unfamiliar surroundings, get clear directions BEFORE leaving a safe environment
- ◆ Stay on main thoroughfares
- ◆ Learn some of the language. Learn to ask for help and to call the police
- ◆ If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.
- ◆ Do not expect your American values to be shared by those of your host country.
- ◆ Give the right of way to impatient drivers
- ◆ Do not expect your culture to be accepted in the host country.
- ◆ Never pick-up hitchhikers
- ◆ Cover your VIN

