

Security SpotLight

An Informational Guide for Security Clients

Additional Resources

Some websites offer travel planning resources. Consider using one of these sites when planning your next trip.

- <https://www.usa.gov/travel-and-immigration> or <http://travel.state.gov/> to learn more for domestic and international travel tips from the U.S. government.
- <http://www.aaa.com> for tips on safe road travel from AAA.



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Travel Safety

Do your plans include travel? Travel can be an enriching and rewarding experience, but it is important to be prepared. In addition to clothing and other necessities, make sure your packing list includes Securitas's core value of Vigilance, to help make your travel safer and more secure.

Before leaving, make a checklist that includes items to pack, details to confirm, and things to take care of. This might include putting the mail on hold, confirming reservations, or ordering travelers' checks. A checklist can help keep you organized. Seasoned travelers will verify the status of each item on their list before beginning their trip.

Air Travel

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reminds us that safety is

a shared responsibility requiring cooperation from all parties involved. The phrase, "If you see something, say something!" applies to suspicious behavior, unattended packages, odd noises or anything else that just does not seem right. Be sure to alert airline professionals (the cabin crew or airport staff). They have been trained to evaluate and manage these situations.

Additional FAA recommendations can help ensure a safe and enjoyable flight.

- Read the safety information card, and follow all instructions from the flight attendants during the flight.
- Wear a seat belt at all times while seated, and use an approved child safety seat or device for children weighing less than 40 pounds.

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International Adventure

International travel can be exciting, but be aware of any conditions that can spoil your trip. Always check with the U.S. Department of State for any travel advisories.

Other things to consider:

- **Learn the location and contact information for the U. S. Embassy or Consulate.**
- **Avoid carrying cash.**
- **Familiarize yourself with the currency exchange rate and any exchange fees associated with using your credit card.**
- **Research the local laws.**
- **Bring any medications in their original prescription bottles (bring extra in case of delays).**
- **Get a physician's letter in case you are questioned about your medication; some countries have strict restrictions on bringing prescription or even non-prescription medications into the country without proper medical documentation.**
- **Make photocopies of itinerary and travel documents.**
- **Verify whether you will need an International Driving Permit.**

- Check your airline's Portable Electronic Device (PED) policy, and comply with restrictions for carry-on luggage.

In the event of aircraft evacuation, leave possessions behind and stay low while following aisle path lighting to the nearest exit. Counting the rows between your seat and the exits can help you determine which exit is closest.

Road Trip Safety

With so many scenic and historic parks and sites, traveling by car offers a flexible and relaxing way to explore the wonders of the United States. You control the route, as well as the number and duration of layovers. The American Automobile Association (AAA) gives advice to make your road trip a safe one.

- Keep doors locked. Wear safety belts and secure children in properly installed safety seats.
- Keep the gas tank above 1/3 tank and pack emergency supplies such as a flashlight, blanket, first-aid kit, water and snacks.
- When traveling at night, stop only at well-lit, busy facilities and park where your vehicle can be seen.

If your vehicle breaks down, AAA recommends remaining with it until help arrives as long as it is safe to do so. Move it off the road, safely away from traffic. If it can't be moved, all

passengers should exit the vehicle and stand away from traffic. If you must leave to seek help, do so as a group. Tie a white cloth to a door handle or use reflective triangles or flares to alert other drivers. Place warning devices at varying distances (100, 50, and 25 yards) from the vehicle to give oncoming traffic time to react.

Be Travel Smart

These examples of recommended best practices highlight three simple rules that apply to daily living as well as travel.

- Plan ahead
- Remain vigilant
- Use common sense

Be travel smart by following these safety tips and adhering to the three key safety rules. It can help make your travel experience secure and satisfying.



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