

# Security SpotLight

## An Informational Guide for Security Clients

### Travel Savvy

These tips highlight three principles that can apply to daily living as well as travel:

- Plan ahead.
- Be vigilant.
- Use common sense.

**Be travel savvy and follow these safety tips which align with the three key safety rules. It can help make your travel experience feel secure and satisfying.**

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## Travel Smart, Travel Safe

Travel can be an enriching and rewarding experience, and a little preparation can mean the difference between a positive and negative travel experience. In addition to clothing and other necessities, be sure to include Securitas's core value of *Vigilance* on your packing list to help ensure a safer, more secure travel experience.

Prior to departure, create a checklist that includes items to pack, confirmation details, and things to take care of— such as putting the mail on hold, confirming reservations or ordering travelers' checks. Experienced travelers know that a checklist can help them stay organized and verify the status of each item on their list to increase the likelihood of an uneventful trip.

### 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:

- Note the location and contact information for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.
- Avoid carrying cash (use traveler's checks or credit cards).
- Learn the currency exchange rate and any exchange fees incurred from using your credit card.
- Find out about local laws for your destination.
- Travel with medications in their original prescription bottles and bring extra in case of travel delays.
- Have a physician's letter in case you are questioned about your medication. Some destinations require medical documentation to bring prescription, or even non-prescription, medications into the country.

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## Additional Resources

**Some websites offer travel planning resources. The following sites might be helpful 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 for safe road travel from AAA.

- Make photocopies of itinerary and travel documents.
- Complete the SCIS Foreign Travel Briefing on the LMS and call your AFSSO.

### Air Travel

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reminds us that safety is a shared responsibility. The well-known phrase, "If you see something, say something!" applies to suspicious behavior, unattended packages, odd noises or anything else out of place. Notify airline professionals (the cabin crew or airport staff) if you observe something unusual. They have been trained to evaluate and manage these situations. Other tips from the FAA include:

- Read the safety information card and follow all the flight attendants' instructions.
- Wear a seat belt while seated and use an approved child safety seat for children under 40 pounds.
- Review the airline's Portable Electronic Device (PED) policy and comply with restrictions for carry-on luggage.

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

### Travel by Car

Taking a road trip offers a flexible and relaxing way to explore the many scenic and historic parks and sites in the United States. You control the route, as well as the number and duration of layovers. The American Automobile Association (AAA) offers tips to help you stay safe on your drive.

- Keep doors locked. Wear safety belts and secure children in properly installed safety seats.
- Keep the gas tank above 1/3 tank.
- 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.

In the event of a break down, remain with the vehicle until help arrives, if it is safe to do so. AAA also recommends moving your vehicle 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, placing warning signs at progressive distances (100, 50, and 25 yards) from the vehicle to signal oncoming traffic.

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