

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

TRAVEL SAFETY

AT HOME OR AWAY, STAYING ALERT CAN SAVE THE DAY!

- If you are driving, make sure your vehicle has been properly serviced and is in suitable condition for the journey.
- Try to have specific directions and routes to your destination.
- If you get lost, call local law enforcement for directions or assistance.
- Keep your vehicle doors and windows locked at all times.
- At stop lights and other traffic delays, leave enough space in front of your vehicle so that you have an escape option in case of an emergency.
- Let someone know your travel itinerary, routes, stopovers, etc. This will help family and authorities in locating you if there is a need to do so.
- Plan your trip carefully and allow for factors such as weather, fatigue, facilities for lodging, food, and fuel locations.
- Be sure to have sufficient finances, either cash, traveler's checks, or credit cards.
- Refuel your tank when it reaches 1/4. Eliminate the opportunity to run out of gas and become stranded.
- Park your car in a well-lit area and as close to the building as possible.
- Do not leave any valuables of any kind in your vehicle, day or night. Bring in all of your suitcases or secure valuables in the trunk of your car. Do not leave any property visible in your vehicle.
- Ask hotel/motel staff about their security measures so you know what to expect.
- Take advantage of hotel/motel safes to store your valuables during your stay.
- Use door viewers to identify anyone requesting entry into your room. Open the door only if you are certain the person has a legitimate reason to be in your room. If in doubt, call the front desk.
- Completely close the room curtains, especially in the evening or if you will be away from the room for an extended period of time.
- Hang the "do not disturb" sign on the outside of the door when you exit and leave a radio, TV, or light on. This will discourage burglars.
- Don't prop the door open for ventilation, running to get ice, or other errands. Always secure your room at all times.
- Don't carry large sums of cash, try to avoid using a purse, and only carry what is necessary for your outing. Be careful not to flash cash in your wallet or purse when making financial transactions.
- Trust your intuitions and suspicions. If it doesn't feel safe, it probably isn't. Move to a safer area.
- Staying alert, following good safety practices, and planning ahead can make your travel plans much more pleasant and worry free.

