

TRAVEL/LEISURE

TRAVEL SAFETY – HOTELS CHECKLIST

- If alone when checking into a hotel, ask for two keys to give the impression someone is with you
- Don't leave your credit card sitting on top of the counter
- If the desk clerk announces your room number so others can hear, ask for a different room (and ask the desk clerk to write down the room number instead)
- In a hotel ask for a room on an upper floor away from stairs or the elevator
- Avoid floors over the 6th floor as fire department ladders do not reach beyond that height
- Ask a hotel employee to accompany you to your room and check your room if you don't feel comfortable doing so by yourself
- At a hotel, park in a well lighted area as close as possible to entrance doors
- In a hotel parking lot if you see someone who looks suspicious or makes you feel uneasy, call the hotel from your cell phone and ask a representative of the hotel to escort you into the hotel
- Don't leave valuables, suitcases or other items in view in your vehicle
- Don't carry too many items at once – this makes you an easy target
- When leaving the hotel for your vehicle, have your keys in your hand
- If you are unfamiliar with the area, ask the manager of the hotel which areas are safe to walk, run or explore
- If notified of a delivery, fax or other item, (don't open your door), ask that the item be left at the front desk for you to pick up
- If possible, select a hotel with modern electronic guest room locks instead of metal keys
- Know how to exit the building in case of an emergency
- Know how to call the front desk quickly
- Keep a close eye on your luggage when you check in or out
- Get the address of the hotel and keep it with you in case you get lost
- In an elevator with others, select your floor last
- Don't enter an elevator if you don't feel comfortable with others in the elevator
- Exit the elevator if someone suspicious enters
- In an elevator, keep your back to the wall and stand near the emergency button
- Verify with the front desk any requests you receive to complete repairs in your room
- Know where your key is at all times
- Use the deadbolt when inside the room
- Use a door wedge to secure hotel room door
- Place a flashlight by your bed
- Bring a night light to plug into a bathroom outlet
- When you leave your room, place the 'Do Not Disturb' sign on your door
- Lock all suitcases when leaving your room
- When you leave your room, take valuables with you or lock them in a safe if provided
- Don't display your key in public
- Keep jewelry you wear to a minimum