



## Traveling Safely

### Protect Yourself:

- Never go out alone. You will need to be with a group at all times. Adult sponsors must know where you are at all times. Check with your adult sponsors on where it is safe to be.
- Stay near people. Avoid short-cuts through parks, vacant lots, and other deserted places.
- Be careful what you say in the presence of strangers. Never reveal your room number.
- Heed the traffic lights and warnings. Cross streets at the crosswalks.
- Be aware of street vendors. The quality of the goods they sell are often inferior, impostors or stolen.
- Never open your motel room door to someone you do not know or invite anyone unknown into your room. Never leave with anyone but your group. Always double lock your door when you are in your hotel room. Keep your windows and patio doors closed and locked. Always let your sponsors know where you are going. Never leave without permission.
- Keep your luggage locked in your room if you leave. Don't leave money or valuables in your room. Use the hotel safe.
- Never leave your room key lying on a table or unattended.
- Unplug all personal appliances when you leave your room.

### Protect your possessions:

- Carry your wallet, travelers' checks or money on you. You may want to use a wallet belt or neck pouch.
- Carry only the cash, travel checks or credit/debit cards that you will need. Leave the rest at home.
- Take money discretely from your wallet. Avoid letting others see how much money you are carrying.
- Leave home, valuables you will not need, like cell phones, CD players, computers, jewelry.
- Women should carry their purse in front of them with their hand over the opening. Keep your bag zipped closed. Men carry your wallet in your front pocket.
- When walking, carry your bag and camera on the side away from the street; a favorite ploy is for passing cyclists to snatch bags.
- Safeguard your receipts when using a credit/debit card. They have personal information on them.
- Never put your purse or camera on an empty seat, hang it on the back of your chair or on the floor next to the chair. Keep it in your lap or firmly between your feet.

