

# **Personal Travel Safety**

### Handout

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## **Transportation terminals**

- Leave valuables home whenever possible, and never leave baggage or personal items unattended.
- Keep purses, wallets, and other valuables secure, and be alert to what's going on around you.
- Report any suspicious individuals or activities and unattended luggage to terminal security.
- After check-in at an airport, go directly to your gate, where you will be more secure.
- Keep an eye on your bags as you pass through the security check.

### On the road

- Know your travel route and make sure your vehicle is in good condition.
- Keep doors locked while driving, and lock up when you leave your vehicle.
- Park as near your destination as possible in a well-lit, visible spot.
- When returning to a parked car, have keys ready and glance around to make sure it's safe. Once inside, lock doors.

### **Hotels**

- Keep your door locked and the security chain fastened when you are in your room, and close and lock windows when you leave.
- Use the viewer in the door to verify the identity of anyone who knocks on your door.
- Ask at the desk how to secure valuables, for safe places to walk or run, and for the safest routes to business meetings.
- Check the hall before you leave your room, and be careful entering elevators

#### On the street

- Stay with the crowd on well-lit streets, and walk with someone when possible.
- · Walk briskly and confidently and keep alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid shortcuts through parks, pedestrian tunnels, or alleys.
- Have the fare for public transportation ready so that you don't have to take out your wallet.
- Avoid entering an empty subway car, and sit near the driver on a bus at night.