



## Safety Tips for Cruise Ship Travelers

### **Advice for Passengers**

SafePlace recommends that you not be afraid to ask questions of cruise companies AND your travel agent.

- Have the ship's safety and security features been reviewed and accepted by an independent accreditor?
- Does the ship have *written* emergency plans to ensure guest safety?
- Are background checks performed on employees including the FBI and Terrorist lists?
- Is the ship's staff thoroughly trained in safety processes and procedures?
- When you are docked are access points to the ship being guarded to prevent unauthorized boarding?
- Does the ship employ dedicated 24-hour security personnel?
- Is a government-issued ID required of passengers and all others whenever boarding?
- Is state room access restricted through the use of key cards, dead bolts, etc.

### **Additional helpful tips to know:**

- In case of emergency, know whether to escape, go to a safe refuge or move to your designated lifeboat.
- Know two ways out from any deck or assembly area (restaurants, theatres, night clubs, etc.).
- Know location of and how to use personal flotation devices (life jackets).
- In an emergency check paths for safety before proceeding – feel the door if a fire condition.
- Crawl low under smoke.
- In case of evacuation, do not spend time gathering up valuables – react immediately.