



## Safety Tips for Families Traveling with Children

- Always leave a travel itinerary with someone at home, a relative or trusted friend.
- When traveling with children, never leave them unattended.
- Upon entering your room, children should be instructed how to respond in an emergency. Locate exit signs and review in-room safety information with them.
- Instruct children how to dial the front desk in an emergency.
- Remind children that only adults should receive guests into the room (housekeeping, room service, etc.).
- Care should be taken that children cannot access alcoholic beverages and other items from mini bar and amenity baskets that may prove dangerous to them.
- Always avoid ground floor and other rooms easily accessible from the outside of the building.
- Before boarding an elevator, observe all passengers. When returning to your room, board last and/or be last to select your floor button. Always position yourself near the elevator control panel. If threatened, press the alarm button and as many floor buttons as possible. Instruct children in the proper use of the alarm button and elevator telephone.
- If there is an adjoining room, ensure that the door locks via deadbolt and is accessible only from your room. Instruct children not to open the door.
- Place the “Do Not Disturb” sign on your door. The sign gives the impression you are in the room when you are not. Call housekeeping for maid service – instruct them to leave the sign on the door. Do not use the “clean the room” sign.
- Make it a habit to pack and place a small flashlight on your nightstand in case of a power outage. It is very dangerous to stumble around an unfamiliar building in the dark. Instruct children where the flashlight is stored in the room.
- Do not stay in a hotel that is not equipped with automatic fire sprinklers throughout and guest room smoke detectors.
- Locate fire exits; be able to recognize the fire alarm signal, and plan your actions in event of a hotel fire, such as counting the number of doors from your room to the fire exit stairwell.
- Children should be instructed that if they must escape through smoke, they should crawl low on their hands and knees down where the air is cleaner and cooler.
- When you leave your hotel room for the day or evening leave the television on. From outside the room it sounds like the room is occupied.
- Never prop your hotel room door open. Only open your door to individuals known to you. An unexpected visit from “hotel staff” should be verified with the front desk before opening your door.