



## Safety Tips for Women Travelers

- Always leave a travel itinerary with someone at home, a relative or trusted friend.
- 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.
- When entering your room for the first time, have the bellman remain while you perform your room security check.
- If there is an adjoining room, ensure that the door locks via deadbolt accessible only from inside your room.
- Do not place the in-room breakfast menu on your door at night. This sends a clear message that there is a single person in the room.
- Do not travel with expensive jewelry or large amounts of cash. If you must bring jewelry, use of the front desk safe deposit box is preferred.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- If walking to your car from the hotel at night, ask for a security guard to escort you to your vehicle. When you return to the hotel, have them valet park the car.