

# TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR CARP MEMBERS

## Sergeant Bob's Travel Safety Tips

*Retired Police Sergeant Bob Paterson works with The McLennan Group Life Insurance Inc. to develop practical safety tips for CARP members.*

*"Don't gamble with your safety. The stakes are too high."*



## Communications Plans For Families and Groups

Being separated from your family and friends while travelling can be stressful. A brief communications plan for an unexpected separation of group members can be helpful and comforting.

- Establish a common contact person and share their phone number. A family member back home or business associate will do nicely.
- Ensure that all party members carry a hotel brochure or business card.
- If separated on a train platform or bus stop have an action plan in place. For example, the separated person could proceed to the next earliest stop, disembark and wait. The stragglers would follow ASAP and also disembark at the next stop and reunite.
- Children should be coached on where to go for help. In the absence of a police officer or other official, go straight to another family with children.
- Limit social networking until returning home. A message and photos sent to loved ones will very likely be shared quickly, who knows how many people will ultimately be aware of your itinerary and empty home?



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