

TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR CARP MEMBERS

Sergeant Bob's Travel Safety Tips

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



On The Road Or In The Air

Your personal security can be the result of proper planning and situational awareness.

- Know your route and destination as well as you can. This includes your route to and from airports. Mapping and GPS has made it easier than ever to appear more confident and less vulnerable while travelling.
Remember: It may be impossible to avoid looking like a tourist but you can look like a confident traveler and avoid looking vulnerable.
- Luggage identification tags should display a work place address or be zipped closed to reduce visibility.
- Do not leave luggage unattended, and do not carry the belongings of others in airports and other transportation terminals.
- Divide your cash so that some money is available but a large "roll" is not displayed for every small purchase and tip.
- Make sure the rental car has no identifiable markings. Nothing says "tourist" like a rental company sticker on the back of your car!
- Every time you leave your vehicle, make sure it's locked and be sure to hide all contents from sight.
- Recognize increasing vulnerability as early as possible. Are you lost - low on fuel - fading cell phone battery - is the weather threatening - is reliable assistance distant - are you starting to feel like a potential victim? Vulnerability often results from several negative factors aligning at once.



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