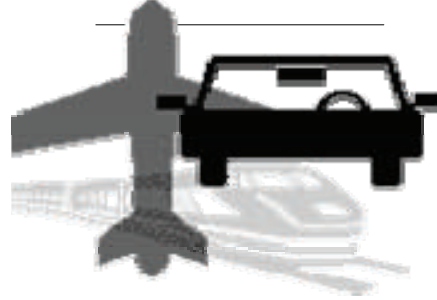




## CITY OF OLYMPIA POLICE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



### TRAVELING TIPS AND VACTION SAFETY

#### HOTELS AND MOTELS:

- Never leave money, jewelry, traveler's checks, or plane tickets in your room, even for a short time.
- Hotel and motel management encourage guests to use safety deposit box services in their vault - usually provided free of charge.
- Be careful what you say in the presence of strangers.
- Locate fire exits, elevator, and the nearest phone. Plan the best way to get out in an emergency.
- Be observant; report any suspicious activity to the management.
- Utilize all locking devices on the room doors.
- Never automatically open you door when a knock is heard. Know the visitor's identity before opening the door.

#### LUGGAGE:

- Label all pieces of luggage on the inside with your name, address and phone numbers.
- Lock all pieces of luggage.
- If you must pack valuable items, mark them using your drivers license number and record them. Take pictures of items such as jewelry that cannot be marked.
- Hand-carry medication, currency and important documents.

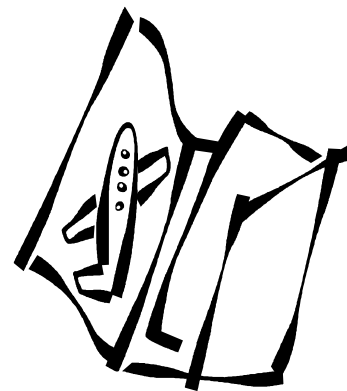
#### ON THE STREETS:

- When possible, travel with another person when sightseeing or shopping, particularly at night.
- Men should never carry wallets in their rear or breast pocket and women should not carry money or valuables in their purse. Men should carry wallets in the front pants pocket, and women should carry a billfold or coin purse in an inside pocket of their coat.
- Carry only a minimum amount of cash. Use credit cards, personal checks, or travelers checks.
- Be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable, get away from the cause. Walk with purpose, and project an assertive image. Anticipate potentially dangerous situations and take time to opt for alternative solutions.
- Make sure your children know the name, address, and telephone number of your hotel or motel.

**EMERGENCY**  
**DIAL 9-1-1**  
***Fire-Police-Medical***



## BEFORE YOU LEAVE...



- Avoid publicizing your plans before your trip.
- Use a house-sitter if you trust and know the person well.
- Mark your valuables with your Washington State Driver's License number, and keep a list of the items in a secure location. (Operation ID)
- Plan ahead...arrange for newspapers & mail to be placed on hold at the Post Office and News Paper Station until your return.
- Do not leave large amounts of cash or jewelry in your home—rent a safety deposit box.
- Check the locks on all windows and doors, to make sure they are secure and functioning.
- Unplug automatic garage doors, and lock and secure manual ones.
- Connect radios, televisions, and lights to timers designed to go off and on periodically throughout the day.
- Ask a neighbor to park a car in your driveway, and to keep an eye on the place while you are away.

FOLLOW THESE TIPS FOR SECURITY AND PEACE OF MIND WHILE YOU ARE AWAY.

IF YOU COME BACK AND IT APPEARS THAT YOUR HOME HAS BEEN BURGLARIZED

— DO NOT ENTER— USE YOUR CELL PHONE OR A NEIGHBOR'S PHONE TO

CALL **9-1-1** IMMEDIATELY.

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