

Domestic Travel Safety Tips

In case of an emergency, call 911

The 911 system was designed to provide a universal, easy-to-remember number for people to reach police, fire or emergency medical assistance from any phone in any location [in the USA or Canada].

General Safety Tips:

- Share your travel plans with someone you trust.
- Consider leaving valuables at home, conceal them in a checked bag, or secure them in pockets that are not easily accessible.
- Remain aware of your surroundings so you can identify and avoid potential risks. Keep your eyes off your mobile device and earbuds out of your ears.
- Do not trust others to watch your belongings.
- Crowded places like airports, train stations, and tourist attractions are hot spots for theft. Stay vigilant and keep your belongings close at all times. Avoid distractions and leaving items laying out that could make you an easy target for pickpockets.
- Refrain from posting real-time updates about your travel plans or location details on social media during your trip. This information can be exploited by criminals to track your movements or target your unattended home.

Ride Share Safety:

- Order while you are inside, minimize the time you are waiting outside on the street.
- Before entering a vehicle, verify that the car, driver, and license plate match what's shown in the app
- Never get in a vehicle with anyone who is not registered with a ride-share app.
- If you ever feel that you're in an urgent situation, you can call 911 immediately.
- Remember, if you feel unsafe, you can end the ride at any time.

Device/Cybersecurity:

- Ensure that laptops, tablets, and smartphones are password-protected and encrypted to safeguard sensitive data in case of theft or loss during travel.
- Setup automatic backups with cloud services for data recovery.
- Keep devices stored in a secure location.
- Always use TSA-approved locks for your luggage to prevent unauthorized access.
- Add a location tracking device such as a bluetooth AirTag or Tile.

Resources:

Dean of Students

865-974-3179

Center for Care & Resilience

865-974-HELP or 865-974-4357

Office of Title IX

865-974-3600

UT Police Department

865-974-3114

Sources:

Physical Security Tips While Traveling

by Office of Innovative Technologies

UTPD's Safety Information

by University of Tennessee Police Department



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