



## SENIOR NUGGET - JUNE 2014

### ~ TRAVEL TIPS FOR SAFE TRAVEL ~

**ALWAYS BUY TRAVEL INSURANCE** - USA medical cards do NOT work in most nations. Buy special insurance along with plane/cruise tickets. The cost is lower and it gives you peace of mind.

**ALERT CREDIT CARD COMPANIES** - always call to advise holders of where you will be, date you leave/return. This helps fraud departments stop bogus charges and reduces the risk that your card will be frozen when you use it far from home.

**SECURE YOUR MAIL/NEWSPAPERS** - get a neighbor to pick up your mail, or stop it at the post office. Discontinue paper delivery. **Don't broadcast travel plans on any social networks!**

**CLEAN OUT YOUR WALLET** - Pickpockets love tourist destinations, take only essential identifiers: driver's license, two credit cards. Carry one card and lock the other in hotel room, safe in case wallet is stolen. Best safety, wear a secure pouch around neck and waist to carry these items.

**MAKE COPIES** - of passport inside photo page and carry them with you. NEVER leave in your room. Give copy to family member, other travel companion; place a copy in your shoe or insert in socks you are wearing. Make copies of plane tickets, credit cards, hotel reservations, and driver's license, medical cards. Note phone numbers of bank, credit card (Fraud) division, on back of card. **NEVER CARRY MEDICARE OR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD** in your wallet, place a copy in socks or money belt and leave your checkbook at home. Make copies of suitcase(s), PCs, devices etc.



**PROTECT YOUR SMARTPHONE** - A thieves gold mine Protect your personal information - use security settings to lock your screen with a password, then install a GPS location tracking app on your phone such as "Where's My Droid" for Android devices or if you're an iPhone user,

activate the built in “Find My iPhones” app. You can also set your phone so that if it does get stolen, you can remotely release its data. Check with your wireless carrier for this service, or other security apps for these features.

**USE SAFE ATMs - avoids having theft of your card data - take receipts.**

**SAFEGUARD YOUR HOTEL** - Never leave your wallet, passport, credit cards, or valuables lying around. Lock them up in hotel safe. Also secure laptops or electronic devices. Obtain securing devices from your local computer store.

**HOTEL COMPUTERS AND FREE Wi-Fi NETWORKS** - Don’t access personal accounts or disclose financial information from these areas. One never knows what identity-stealing software is at work.

**FREEZE YOUR CREDIT** - a temporary freeze denies access to your credit history, so ID thieves can’t open accounts in your name while you are away. To set up a freeze contact one of these agencies: Equifax 1-800-685-1111), Experian, 1-888-397-3742 or TransUnion - 1-877-322-8228. Cost to freeze is approx. \$10 for each

**DO NOT DISPLAY MONEY TO ANY VENDORS OR SALES CLERK**

**SAFE TRAVELS**



**BEST WISHES TO ALL HAVING A JUNE BIRTHDAY**

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