

## Hotel and motel security

When staying overnight at a hotel or motel, remember the following:

- ★ Determine the most direct route to and from your room, to the fire escapes, elevators, and nearest phone.
- ★ When occupying or leaving your room, use all auxiliary locking devices on doors and windows. (You may want to purchase a portable door lock for traveling.)
- ★ Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry. Open the door only if you are certain the person has a legitimate reason to enter the room. If in doubt, call the hotel/motel office.
- ★ Unpack and place belongings in the closet and dresser. Arrange your things so you'll know if anything is missing.
- ★ Consider locking any electrical appliances (blow dryer, electrical shavers, etc.) in your luggage. Suitcases should always be locked so they cannot be used to carry your property out of your room.
- ★ Never leave money, checks, credit cards or car keys in the room. Take them with you.
- ★ Place extra cash, expensive jewelry or other valuable in the hotel/motel safe.
- ★ Report any lost or stolen items to the hotel/motel management and to the police.
- ★ Report to management any suspicious movements in the corridors or rooms.

*Remember—the only way to stop crime is to get involved in crime prevention.*

**For more information on crime prevention, contact:**

## CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

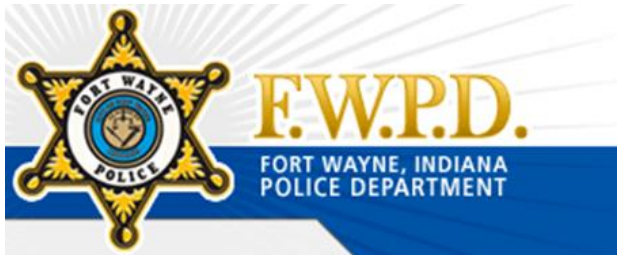
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**Fort Wayne, IN 46802**

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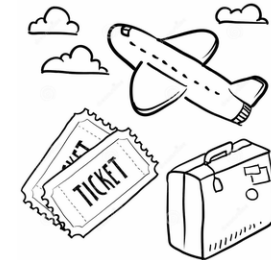
**<http://www.fwpd.org/community-outreach/crime-prevention>**



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## Vacation Security



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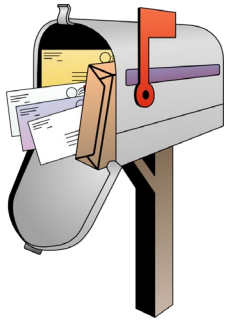
Non-emergency: (260)427-1222

Emergency: CALL 911

## Vacation is a time for fun and relaxation. Don't let yours be ruined by crime. Follow the crime prevention tips below:

### Before leaving...

- ✦ Install good locks on all doors and windows, and USE THEM!
- ✦ Engrave your valuables with your driver's license number (preceded by "IN") and post security alarm stickers in entry doors and windows.
- ✦ Never leave your house key hidden outside under a doormat, in a flowerpot, or on the ledge of a door.



- ✦ Make your house appear "lived in". Use timers for lights and radios. Have a neighbor or friend pick up mail, packages, and newspapers, and keep the lawns mowed and watered. If you do not have someone to pick up your mail, then go to the Post Office and stop delivery until you return. Try not to have any packages (Amazon, EBay, etc.) delivered when you are away.
- ✦ Leave your trip plans and an emergency phone number with trusted neighbors or friends.

### On the road

- ✦ Don't post status updates or photos while still on vacation. The wrong person may see this and burglarize your home.
- ✦ Never carry large amounts of cash: use traveler's checks or debit/credit cards. If you must carry large sums of money, do not display it openly.
- ✦ Keep a record of traveler's check numbers and your credit card numbers in a safe place. Have the telephone numbers to call in case your checks or credit cards are lost or stolen.
- ✦ Be aware of your surroundings and never advertise your plans to strangers; this includes travel routes and the amount of cash you are carrying.
- ✦ Do not stop to offer help to a stranded motorist. Use your cell phone or go to the nearest phone to call for assistance.
- ✦ If you suspect someone is following you, drive to the nearest service station, restaurant or business and call the police or sheriff's department. If you believe it is unsafe to get out of your car, sound your horn and flash your lights to draw attention.
- ✦ If your car breaks down, turn car flashers on and raise the hood. If you have your cell phone then call local police or a garage. If someone stops to help, stay in your locked car. If you must abandon your car, keep all passengers together.

### Car security

- ✦ Always lock your car after entering or leaving it.
- ✦ Park in well-lit areas.

- ✦ Check the back seat before entering your car.
- ✦ Always lock valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk. Always carry wallet, checkbooks, and purses with you.
- ✦ Do not advertise that you are a tourist. Place maps and travel brochures in the glove compartment.

### Sight-seeing

Remember: Planning reduces your chances of becoming the victim of a crime.



- ✦ Go online or use travel app to route your trip and destinations or if you need to inquire with someone, ask for directions at a hotel/motel on how to get to those attractions you want to visit.
- ✦ Select tour guides carefully.
- ✦ Ask if there are any areas in town you should avoid. Stick to well-lit main street and public areas.
- ✦ Looking lost (stopping and looking at addresses or staring at street signs) may make you look like an easy target for crime. If you do get lost, find an open business and ask for directions.
- ✦ Only carry with you the cash you will need, and only small denominations.
- ✦ If older children go off separately, be sure they understand the importance of keeping track of time and returning promptly at appointed house.