



## Staying Safe on Holiday

Holidays are the most exciting time of the year; something that we spend weeks and even months looking forward to. The last thing you want to be doing is worrying about whether or not you're going to be safe in the destination that you're heading to.

The truth is, it doesn't matter where in the world you are. You could be at home in the UK, in Tenerife, Thailand or Timbuktu. There is an element of risk anywhere. But have your wits about you and it really doesn't need to be an issue.

**Cash** – Never carry large amounts of cash on you whilst on holiday. Just take with you what you need and then lock the rest safely away back at your hotel.

**Bags** – Make sure you have a secure day bag/handbag and keep it close to you at all times. If you or your partner carries a wallet in your pocket, keep it in the bag instead so as not to give pickpockets an easy ride.

**Drinking alcohol** – We all go on holiday to have a good time, but always be wary when out drinking. Keep an eye on your drink and never leave it unattended. Also avoid having too much as this can make you an easy target for theft.

**Taxis** – Always be sure that you are getting into a licensed taxi. A good tip is to settle on a price before setting off in order to prevent getting ripped off. Alternatively, if the taxi has a meter, ensure that the driver has it running.

**Don't leave windows and doors open** – In the hot weather, it can be very tempting to leave a window or door open to keep your hotel room cool whilst you're out. Bad idea, especially if your room is on the ground floor. Just get the air-con fired up once you get back and request a room on a higher floor for a bit of added security if you must.

**Don't flaunt possessions** – Be sensible when flashing your brand new camera about and wowing people with your latest new gadgets.

**Use common sense** – Chances are you aren't going to encounter any problems on your holiday, but just always use common sense and you're sure to be fine. If a certain situation doesn't feel right to you, walk away and avoid it. It's probably the best thing to do.

**Travel insurance** – And just to cover all grounds, ensure you never leave the UK without adequate **travel insurance**. You never know what might possibly happen, so going without it just isn't worth the risk. Travel with added piece of mind knowing that you're covered should any unlucky situation arise.

*But most importantly? Have fun! If you follow these easy steps above, you won't need to spend your holiday worrying. Just make the most of your time away and enjoy a fantastic holiday.*