

## Safety Tips for Solo Getaways away from home or on a trip:

By following these safety tips, you can enjoy your solo time away with greater peace of mind and confidence. Safety should always come first.

- Pray for God's protection and wisdom.
- Share Your Itinerary: Inform a trusted friend or family member about your travel plans, including your destination, accommodation details, and expected return time.
- **Stay Connected**: Keep your phone charged and carry a portable charger. Regularly check in with your contacts to let them know you're safe.
- Research Your Destination: Familiarize yourself with the area, including local customs, emergency numbers, and safe routes.
- Secure Your Belongings: Use locks for your luggage and consider a money belt for your valuables. Never leave your belongings unattended or out in the open.
- Trust Your Instincts: If something feels off, trust your gut and remove yourself from the situation. Your intuition is a powerful safety tool that God blessed you with.
- Stay in Well-Lit, Public Areas: Avoid walking alone at night and stick to populated, well-lit streets and areas. Never hike, swim, boat, etc. alone. Always stay within the area of other adults who can assist you in an emergency.
- Blend In: Avoid drawing attention to yourself by dressing like a local and not displaying expensive items like jewelry or electronics.

- **Know Emergency Exits**: Whether you're in a hotel, restaurant, or any public space, take note of the nearest exits and safety procedures.
- Carry Identification: Always have a copy of your identification and important documents with you, preferably in a secure and quickly accessible place.
- Be Aware of Your Surroundings: Stay alert and be mindful of the people around you. Avoid distractions like excessive phone use.
- **Use Reliable Transportation**: Opt for reputable taxi services or rideshare apps, and never accept rides from strangers.
- **Stay Sober**: If you're alone, limit your alcohol intake to stay in full control of your physical and mental decision making and abilities.
- Learn Basic Self-Defense: Knowing a few selfdefense moves can boost your confidence and help you protect yourself if necessary.
- Carry a Personal Safety Device: Items like a whistle, pepper spray, or a personal alarm can provide an extra layer of security.

This is just a small list of safety tips. Please research additional ways to stay safe before embarking on any solo trip away from the safety of your home. \*Children under 18 should never travel alone or without the supervision of an adult.

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