

A colorful graphic with a white central text box. The background is divided into four quadrants: top-left shows a bright sun with rays and palm leaves; top-right shows a blue sky with flying seagulls; bottom-left shows a sandy beach with a red crab, a purple and white striped beach umbrella, a green bucket, and a red starfish; bottom-right shows blue ocean waves with various colorful fish. A lighthouse and a sailboat are visible on the right edge of the white box.

Summer travel tips:

When traveling by car never leave anything of value in plain sight in your vehicle. Carry a blanket and cover them up or better yet put valuables in the trunk if you have one.

Before taking your trip take some time and write down a list of credit cards and numbers including company contact numbers, association or membership cards, ID's, and any other important cards on a sheet of paper. This works for both men and women. Keep the list in a safe spot. If you lose your purse or wallet you make immediate notifications about lost or stolen cards.

Get a housewatch on your house or leave contact information with a trusted neighbor or family member. Hold mail and newspaper delivery to your house so that it doesn't pile up. This includes someone to take advertisements that are left on your door.

Leave lights on a timer that come on around dark and leave a radio or TV on so that it appears that someone is home.

If you are staying in a motel or hotel always use the secure doorlocks and the secondary locks. Keep your room number out of conversations in public areas and be aware of your surroundings. If you feel uncomfortable pay attention to your feels and get to a safe place. If you are confronted by a purse-snatcher throw your purse away from you and run the other way, making as much noise as possible. Make eye contact with others so that you won't appear to be an easy victim

Park your vehicle in a lighted area of the parking lot as close you your room as possible so that you can check on it at different times.