

TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS

Nobody wants to feel on edge when they're on vacation. But by taking a few precautionary steps and using a bit of common sense, you can keep your getaway going smoothly. Go out and enjoy your travels, but remember to stay safe wherever you are.

At the Airport

- Always keep your belongings with you and keep your purse or wallet on your person. Don't let anyone but uniformed airline personnel handle your luggage.
- Leave expensive cameras, jewelry and valuables at home.
- Add a colorful luggage tag or sticker to your bag to make it easily identifiable.

On the Road

- Become familiar with your travel route before you start. GPS devices and smartphones can be lifesavers, but it doesn't hurt to bring an atlas for backup.
- Make sure your rental car is in good operating condition before you leave the lot, and don't leave anything in plain sight when exiting your vehicle.
- Park in well-lit areas only, close to building entrances and walkways.

In the Hotel

- Make sure your hotel room has a safe and use it.
- Before taking a cab, ask the staff about directions and estimated costs, and always use licensed cabs.
- Ask hotel staff or the concierge service about the neighborhood and any areas to avoid.

Out and About

- ATM skimmers are a real thing. Be wary of any ATM that looks like it has been tampered with or has a flimsy card reader.
- Keep your things organized so you can quickly extract your form of payment without having to dig through your bag.
- Be extra alert in crowded areas and, if possible, keep your wallet in a zipped interior pocket.

Notify JMAFCU

Last, but not least, remember to notify your credit union branch that you will be traveling. Notifying your credit union will ensure that your JMAFCU Visa credit card and CheckCard transactions will not be blocked due to activity outside of your normal spending pattern.