

ON YOUR WAY

TAKING PRECAUTIONS

The same safety rules apply while abroad as at home, only more so. Foreigners are usually at greater risk than locals. In some countries, foreigners are specifically targeted.

- Be sure not to wander into unknown areas—find out how safe they are first.
- Never leave drinks unattended while in bars or nightclubs and never accept food or drink from strangers. Drugs may be present that could put you at risk of sexual assault and robbery.
- Do not pick up hitchhikers or cross borders with people you have just met.
- Watch your luggage and make sure it is locked.
- Never take anything, even an envelope, across a border for someone else.
- Do not display large amounts of money or expensive jewellery in public.
- Use a money belt or a case with concealed sections for valuables.
- Remember to telephone home, particularly if you have promised family members or friends that you will do so. Consular Services receives thousands of calls every year from

