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Prior to getting in a taxi, make sure that the gas gauge indicate that the gas tank is sufficiently full. Make sure the passenger window can roll down and that you can get out of the back door without any problem.

In some countries, it is advisable to negotiate the fare of the taxis and to confirm that no other passengers will be picked up on the way.

If you arrive late at night and are not being met as planned, take any hotel shuttle (even if you are not booked at that hotel). You will then be able to make telephone calls from the hotel rather than the public area of the airport where you may be at risk.

At the hotel reception desk, ask the clerk not to mention your room number out loud. Also asked to be assigned a room between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floor.

Doors to hotel rooms usually swing inwards. In addition to the lock on the door, you may wish to use a door stopper to prevent anyone from entering your room. You may also use a personal alarm system equipped for doors.

#### 4. GENERAL SECURITY TIPS

- The number one rule is to stay as inconspicuous as possible. Do not attract attention to yourself.
- If you need to use a map while walking, purchase a local newspaper or magazine and put the map inside.
- Carry a minimum sum of money in your pockets at all times and the rest of your money and documents secured in a money belt or a pouch worn under your clothing. This allows you to potentially satisfy a would-be assailant or robber without losing everything.
- Generally, drawing attention to yourself should you be in danger is recommended. You can do so by shouting, blowing the horn of the vehicle or screaming 'fire' rather than 'help'. The word 'fire' more easily captures the attention of those nearby who may be able to help. It is recognized that in some instances, such as rape, it may be best not to make any noise. This will be a judgement call based on the circumstances.
- Conform to the Constitution, laws, rules and regulations of the local government.