

I do not do drugs.

Yo no tomo drogas.

I am not interested.

Yo no le hago a eso.

- Leave valuables and irreplaceable items in a hotel safe or other secure location.
- Do not wear expensive jewelry, carry objects of conspicuous value or wear expensive designer clothing.
- Carry only the money and credit cards you need for any individual trip away from your hotel.
- Make copies of your credit card and ATM numbers so they can be quickly cancelled.
- Do not drive at night and never pick up hitchhikers.
- If you must use an ATM, do so during business hours at a location inside a bank, supermarket or large commercial building.
- Avoid drinking alone in bars, especially at night.

- Avoid the subways during rush hours and hold purses and other valuables tightly when using any public transportation.

Outside of Mexico City and other locations known to be hazardous, travellers should employ the same precautions they would on any trip to a developing country. Leave a copy of your itinerary with someone who can be contacted in an emergency. Phone home at regular intervals if you do not have a fixed schedule. Keep a record of traveller's cheques, credit card purchases and insurance.

The Justice System

When in Mexico, you are subject to Mexican laws and are not entitled to any special protection or consideration because of your Canadian citizenship.

Mexico has a highly evolved legal system, which functions reasonably well. Based on Greek, Roman and French traditions, the Mexican justice system is comparable to those elsewhere in Latin America and in Continental Europe. It is, however, very different from the Canadian system and those of other countries that follow common law legal traditions.