

## **Travel Safety Tips**

Bill Abston talks about what to take and what not to take when traveling

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### **Transcript**

[B. Abston] A lot of students and staff travel on spring break so we wanted to take the opportunity to remind them how to keep themselves safe when traveling to ensure that they have a very positive traveling experience. We put together a booklet of overseas travel, some safety tips from several different sources. The book that we provide you can find on our website on [www.police.iupui.edu](http://www.police.iupui.edu). or on our web page on overseas travel that has other resource information.

There's safety tips on what to take with you. Do you need to take everything or just the bare necessities? How to keep it safe on your person, which pocket to put it in, avoid thick pockets. Need to minimize the amount of credit cards you carry. If you're normally carrying four or five, we ask that you try to reduce that to exactly what you need to carry in case you do experience a theft.

On your luggage, hand carry sensitive documents. Don't leave your tag on the outside of you luggage where people can get your address. We suggest that you put that inside your luggage. Don't over pack. Things to look for when you check into a hotel are evacuation routes. A lot of times those are posted on the door. Be familiar with the ins and outs of the hotel. How do you get in after hours? Is it secure after hours? Be sure the doors are closed behind you. In the event of a fire know the evacuation route. Just have a plan.