General

- From late November to the end of December is a time of heavy leisure travel as families and friends join together for the holidays.
- Travel during this time of year has its own special concerns especially since September 11
- Because of the rapid changes in security and operating procedures, as well as changes in the availability of flights, you should contact the airline at least a day in advance to confirm your flight. Depending on the cause, you may be compensated for changes in schedules or for overbooked flights.

Precaution/Check List

- Expect crowded aircraft, so pack carefully
- Arrive early; during busy times, the wait at many major airports can be more than an hour
- Do not leave your car unattended in front of the terminal
- Keep your photo identification handy
- Beware of unattended packages
- Know what you are carrying
- Do not carry wrapped gifts in carry-on luggage
- Expect to have your bags searched
- Have a cellular telephone with you at all time

Driving

- Have your car examined before you leave
- Consider getting a navigation system to help you get to your destination with ease
- Travel in well-lighted and busy streets
- Make frequent rest stops
- Do not stop in under-populated areas to ask directions
- Do not pick up hitchhikers
- Lock your doors when you leave your car, even if it's for a short time.
- Do not store valuables out in the open inside a parked car

Safety With Children

- Planning ahead is the best way to travel with children
- Take all essential items for the children in carry-on luggage
- Prepare for possible emergencies
  - Make sure you are aware of emergency equipment or procedures that would apply to your child
- Seat your child away from an aisle
- Keep your child belted or in a child restraint system at all times
- Take extra precautions for children traveling alone
  - Different airlines have different rules and restrictions for unaccompanied children
  - Some allow younger children only on nonstop flights
  - You may have to contact the airline ahead of time to get permission to escort a child to the gate
  - Some airlines may issue a companion pass that allows you to escort your unaccompanied child
  - Make it clear to the child that they should report any problems to a flight attendant

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