

Van Zandt County Precinct Watch Program Crime Prevention Tips

Subject: Hotel/Motel Safety While Traveling



Our society continues to grow more mobile. Travelers often become crime targets. Here are a few tips to consider when traveling.

1. Never answer the room door at a hotel/motel without verifying exactly who it is. If the person claims to be an employee of the hotel/motel, make them wait and call the front desk and ask if someone from the hotel/motel staff is supposed to have access to your room and why.
2. If you leave your room for any reason, always make sure that the door securely locks behind you.
3. When returning to your hotel/motel room, always use the main entrance for the facility.
4. Be observant and look around before you enter the parking lot and again before you exit your vehicle.
5. Always close the door securely when you are in your room and use all locking devices provided.
6. Don't needlessly display guest room keys in public or carelessly leave them on restaurant tables, at the swimming pool or any place where they can easily be stolen.
7. Don't draw attention to yourself by displaying large amounts of cash or expensive jewelry.
8. Never invite a stranger to your room.
9. Place all valuables in the hotel/motel room safe or office safety deposit box.
10. Never leave valuables in your vehicle.
11. Check to see that any sliding glass door, windows, and any connecting doors are securely locked.
12. If you see any suspicious activity report it immediately to the management or local law enforcement if needed.

Be safe! Refuse to be a victim!