

TOURIST ADVISORY TIPS AGAINST CRIME

STAY SAFE AND EXPERIENCE A PLEASANT HOLIDAY

Crime remains a global menace to society, although the severity of it differs from country to country.

In the Seychelles, even though the crime rate is low and violent crime is minimal, visitors are advised to always take reasonable precautions to ensure their personal safety, and the security of the items they bring with them or purchase to take home.

The majority of crimes are associated with theft and are attributed to **OPPORTUNIST CRIME**.

OPPORTUNIST CRIME can best be described as when an opportunity presents itself and subsequently tempts a person to steal.

EXAMPLES:

Valuables being left unattended at public places (e.g. beach)

Hotel rooms or apartments not being locked or valuables not secured

Valuables being left visible in cars that are left unattended.

To avoid becoming a victim of these petty crimes it is important that as a visitor you are extremely careful and conscious of your surroundings, always stay alert, and avoid walking or swimming alone at isolated beaches. Always enquire about security provisions at your hotel. Most accommodation establishments have room safety options such as safes.



ADVISORY TIPS:

- **Do not** leave belongings or personal property unattended anywhere e.g. in your room, on the beach whilst swimming or visible in your car.
- **Do not** leave your valuables, especially laptops, cell phones or other electronic equipment, exposed, visible or unattended.
- **Do not** expose your purses or wallets to others and ensure they are concealed and not easily accessible to anyone.
- **It is not advisable** to carry large amounts of cash on your person.
- **Refrain** from giving rides to strangers.
- When approached to buy an excursion, ensure that you are dealing with licensed operators. Your travel agents or the hotel representative can assist with verification.
- When going on nature trails do ensure that you obtain a map of the trail and if you are not too sure which route to take, it is advisable to take the services of a guide to avoid getting lost.
- Inform your friends or hotel management where you are going, your expected time of return and provide them with a cell phone number to contact you in case of any emergency.
- Ensure that your rooms or apartments are secure at all times and do not leave your doors or any window open or unlocked in your absence or while you are asleep.
- Discuss general security arrangements with your host/manager of your holiday accommodation as well as the safe storage of your valuables.
- Take note of the Police emergency numbers (**999 or 133**) to assist you with any emergency.

The above advice is in the interest of all tourists having a safe and crime free visit to the Seychelles and to avoid becoming an unnecessary victim of crime.

The goal is to ensure that when you leave Seychelles, you can share your holiday experience and promote the Seychelles as a safe and wonderful destination.