

# GROUP TRIP TRAVEL SAFETY

Prepare for your next big trip -- and prevent mishaps -- by keeping these considerations in mind.



## Research & Plan

Prior to your trip, research the possible health risks, dangers and cultural norms of the location you are headed to. If you'll be visiting a foreign country, look into any immunizations, laws or customs your group should be aware of.



## Heed The Warnings

Take all travel warnings seriously! If there is an area that you want to help but that area has been deemed dangerous for travel, consider a form of outreach that doesn't place your members at risk, such as item donation collection.



## Travel Safely

If your group is driving to the destination, be sure to consider alternatives to 12- or 15-passenger vans. Minibuses or coach buses may provide a safer alternative. If someone in your group will drive when you reach your destination, remember that license requirements, driving rules and customs can vary widely by country, so be prepared. And don't forget seatbelts!



## Meet Up

Schedule a group meeting prior to your departure. Request that your entire travel group attend, and brief them on what you've learned from your research and planning.



## Develop Guidelines

By developing guidelines for your trip, you will help reduce the risks for trip participants. Make sure all travelers and their families are aware of the trip rules and consequences for not following them.



## Be Alert & Be Smart

Stay aware of your surroundings when in unfamiliar areas. Note safe locations; don't count or display money in public; never leave personal items unattended; don't share personal, travel or housing information; and trust your instincts.