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Winter 2019 Newsletter



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## Preparing to Travel Solo? Consider these Tips



Primary step to preventing problems from getting the best of you is to be aware when they could or do arise and then deciding how will you manage them. Prevention is important to keeping safe. When you prepare for all types of situations you immediately put yourself at a reduced risk of getting taken advantage of.

When packing and preparing for a solo trip, consider these tips:

- **Leave your flashy items at home:** Conspicuous jewelry, cameras, phones, and handbags attract attention from potential pickpockets who label you as a rich tourist that can easily be taken advantage of.
- **Pack lightly:** You will be carrying all of your luggage alone and if you are struggling with heavy suitcases you won't be able to be aware of your surroundings.
- **Address of your hotel:** Grab a business card or write down the address of your hotel so that if you ever get lost, you can just show your taxi driver the address.
- **Consider packing these extras:** A small flashlight in case you get caught outside after dark. A small whistle on a keychain or necklace to use to call for help. Change out your phone case to something older or not as flashy, this helps deter pickpockets from wanting to steal your phone.

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## Effective Risk Management



As organizations are continually innovating and changing the way they function, the risks involved also change accordingly. In the midst of such risks, risk management becomes imperative. If organizations want to keep their company secure they must approach and assess risks in a systematic way. Below are some of the top tips for effective risk management:

- **Create a Risk Aware Culture:** It is crucial for companies to educate their workforce about practical features of risk management. Risk management responsibilities should be clear and already thought through. Training and building awareness can help build a better culture that can easily respond to problems.
- **Have Adequate Resources:** Well-organized risk management needs considerable expertise and resources to be able to perform tasks ranging from assessment to prevention to mitigation. Front end investment in risk management resources will prove to be a payoff for companies in the long run.
- **Continually Re-Assess Risks:** Risks are extremely dynamic and often change quickly. Factors such as physical environments and geopolitical situations can often catch companies off-guard or even go unnoticed. To guarantee effective risk management, organizations must reconsider risks on an ongoing basis.

## Trending Scams



~ Online Shopping Scams involve scammers pretending to be legitimate online sellers, either with a fake website or a fake ad on a genuine retailer site.

*Advice: Check if the website or social media page has a refund and return policy. Avoid sellers that insist on immediate pay or do not provide adequate information on privacy, terms, and conditions of use. When making online payments, only pay for items using a secure payment service.*

~ A friendly stranger asks someone to watch his/her bag or purse. The stranger leaves and returns with a police officer or someone posing as one. Upon inspection, the bag is found to contain drugs or other illegal items. The criminals then extort money or valuables to avoid charges with the police.

*Advice: Do not feel obligated to watch a person's belongings. Politely refuse, then walk away.*

## Ready Mountain Open Enrollment and C+ Classes Filling Up Fast



Ready Mountain Course (Risk Management Seminar) is now available for open enrollment.

Taking place on **April 17-19** in beautiful northern Idaho. This course gives an organization the fundamental needs to create and maintain an appropriate risk management program including risk assessment, crisis call interaction, and contingency management. Through guided instruction, students will learn the essentials of managing an ongoing crisis in a biblical, logical manner.

Captive Saint Level C+ Courses are filling up fast!

This ten-day course provides instruction on high-risk personal protection and captivity survival, as well as advanced safety and security practices for faith-based travelers going to elevated or high-risk areas. Students are guided on acclimatizing to the stressors of captivity and detention; preparing students to perform life-saving skills in a real crisis.

## Register now for these CAPTIVE SAINT classes:

**B+ April 4-5 (IDAHO)**



**C+ ~~June 18-27 Urban (ID)~~  
\*\*Closed - Class Full\*\***

**B+ May 6-8 (SAN DIEGO)**

**C+ July 9-18 Rural (ID)**

**B+ Nov 17-19 (CHICAGO)**

**C+ August 6-15 Rural (ID)**

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