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# Preparing for Safety Abroad: 5 Travel Safety Tips to Share

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Providing seamless mobility services is incredibly valuable for the clients and families you support every day. So is their safety, which is why destination safety when traveling abroad is of critical importance. Prepare your clients for international travel by sharing these five safety tips. If an issue arises, they'll be grateful you did.

## 1. Let all the right people know.

In addition to notifying your family, friends, and co-workers, add the U.S. State Department to the list. Let them know where you are going and how to contact you. By registering in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP), U.S. citizens traveling or living abroad receive the latest security updates from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate at no charge.

## 2. Check key expiration dates.

Most of us know that you need a passport with an expiration date further out than six months in order to travel internationally. But what about your emergency contacts and family members? If you get sick or have an emergency abroad, your family members and loved ones can help you only if they *already* have a passport that doesn't expire within six months! While you are away, making sure they have a valid passport can bring peace of mind.

## 3. Communicate clearly.

Communication is key and can be lifesaving in an emergency. Take the extra step of bringing a copy of your medical records translated into the local language. Traveling to other destinations during your stay? Have them translated into those languages as well. Additionally, be sure these documents are accessible online in the cloud, so this information will

be available to medical experts, even if you lose your possessions during an emergency.

## 4. Know the numbers.

On a similar note, know the emergency numbers in your new country. Unlike in the U.S., in most countries, dialing 911 will not get you to the help you need. You should always know how to call for help. What number do you call for a fire? What about a medical emergency? Should you call your insurance company first? Find out the answers to these questions *before* you depart.

## 5. Map it.

Build a personalized Google MyMap with important landmarks, such as hospitals and embassies—and maybe even coffee shops—so you'll know where these resources are in a pinch. It's also a good idea to compare the size of cities using a resource such as the MapFight app, which compares the size of any two geographical areas. Sometimes a destination that seems far away is a lot closer than you realize. By overlapping the map of a new location with a location you already know, you can get a better sense of how close or far away locations are at your new destination.

By sharing this article with those headed to their new international destination, you're not just wishing them "safe travels," but also providing life-saving resources. *M*

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