

## Safety Tips

### Never go out alone.

- You are less likely to become a victim in a group.
- Be a good friend; keep your friends from making poor decisions.
- Know how you're getting back before you go out.

### Avoid wearing expensive clothing and jewelry.

- Do not draw unwanted attention to yourself.

### Do Not carry large amounts of cash and credit cards.

- Many hotels have safes in the rooms or at the front desk, keep your valuables in them.
- If staying in a hotel request a room above the first floor. So thieves don't have easy access to your room.



## If You Go Abroad

Get your passport ahead of time. It takes approximately 4-6 weeks for processing.

Laws may be different than the US.

If you are accused of, or a victim of a crime contact the US Embassy or Consulate Office.

Different areas of the world may hold different threats to your safety. Check the Department of States web site <http://travel.state.gov> for travel advisories for the country you plan to visit.

To students traveling to Mexico take extra caution and read the State Departments warnings carefully.



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## Safe Spring Break

Go!

Have Fun!

Return Safe!

The annual security report about KU safety policies, crime statistics, and campus resources is available online at [www.ku.edu/safety](http://www.ku.edu/safety), or on paper by contacting the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs, 133 Strong Hall, (785) 864-4060.

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# Have a Fun and Safe Spring Break

## Prior to leaving for spring break:

- Lock your residence.
- Park your vehicle in a well lit area and do not leave any personal items in plain view.
- If you live in an apartment have your mail and newspapers stopped, or have a friend or neighbor pick it up.
- Record the serial numbers on all of your valuable items and keep the list in a safe place.
- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you expect to return.



# Alcohol and Spring Break

## Many of the laws in Kansas are the same as for the rest of the continental United States.

- All States the drinking age is 21.
- All States have laws against drinking and driving.
- All States have laws against open containers in a vehicle.
- Most cities in the US have laws about where the consumption of alcohol is allowed.
- Just because you have heard friends talk about what they did at spring break does not mean that it is legal, and if you try to do it, you might get caught.
- Most jurisdictions will hold an individual who lives out state (even for a misdemeanor) in jail until you appear before a judge or until you can post a cash bond. You could also be required to go back to the jurisdiction where you were charged for court.

# Sexual Assault

## Most Assaults are committed by an acquaintance of the victim.

- Stay in groups of people you trust.
- Do not go out alone on a date with a person you have only known a day or two.

## Remember about date rape drugs:

- Most are odorless and tasteless.
- Always watch the bartender make or pour your drink.
- If you start to feel more intoxicated than normal, or start to feel faint have your friends take you some where safe.
- Never drink from a glass that was left unattended.
- Keep your hand over an open drink cup so no one can slip something in it.
- If you think you have been a victim contact the authorities immediately.