

Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District News Letter

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Traveling

Hotel & Motel Safety



Whether it is business or pleasure, it's important to be prepared when traveling and staying in a hotel. Become familiar with your surroundings and follow these fire safety tips when spending the night.

Choose a hotel/motel that is protected with smoke alarms and fire sprinklers.

Read the evacuation plan (usually on the back of the door) or request one if one from the front desk.

Locate the nearest marked exits from your room. Count the number of doors between you and the stairwell. Make sure the exit door is unlocked. Notify management right away if locked.

Always travel with a small flashlight and set it next to your bed with your room key.

If the alarm sounds, leave right away, closing the door behind you. Use the stairs – never use the elevators during a fire.

If you can't escape:

Shut off fans and air conditioners. Stuff wet towels in the cracks around and under the door. Call the fire department and let them know where you are. Wait at the window and signal with your flashlight or light colored clothing.

When checking in, many safety experts recommend staying somewhere between the third and sixth floor. It is high enough to make it difficult for a break in but not too high for most fire engine ladders.

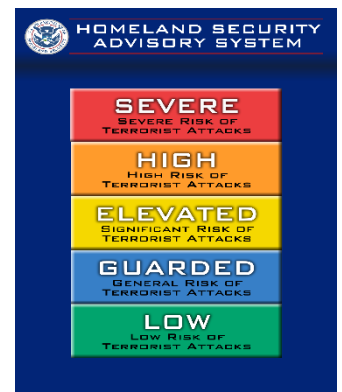


When traveling overseas: Alerts and Warnings

A **Travel Warning** is issued when the government would like you to consider whether you should go into that country at all. Examples of a Travel Warning include: unstable government, civil war, ongoing intense crime or violence or frequent terrorist attacks. The information provided at the time of the warning should help you decide if you should travel to that location. Travel Warnings remain in place until the situation changes. Some warnings have been in place for years.

A **Travel Alert** is issued for short term events. It is an event you should know about prior to traveling to this country. A Travel Alert may include an election season, demonstrations or disturbances, health or medical outbreaks. The alerts are short term and are cancelled once the event is over.

For more information on Warnings and Alerts go to: www.travel.state.gov



Did you know?

The leading cause for hotel/motel fires is cooking equipment