



Natalee Holloway
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Stay Safe During the Holiday Season With the Natalee Holloway Resource Center

WASHINGTON, D.C. – According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, long distance travel (over 50 miles from home) increases by almost 25 percent during the holiday season. Whether it's driving to a relative's home on Christmas Eve or flying somewhere warm to ring in the New Year, safety is critically important to keep in mind when traveling. **The Natalee Holloway Resource Center (NHRC)** hopes to keep holiday travelers smart and aware through their Traveling Safe Program, a plan focused on basic safety tips to avoid dangerous situations while traveling.

A complete list of travel tips and checklists can be found on the NHRC website (www.helpthemissing.org). However, a few tips can be applied to holiday travelers regardless of whether their travel is international or domestic:

- Distractions because of luggage, children, hotel personnel, strangers, etc. can put you at risk. Know your surroundings and stay in control of every situation.
- Watch for scams on the street. Children working with adults are notorious as pickpockets.
- Bring a small flashlight. You never know when you'll suddenly be "in the dark" and find yourself in unfamiliar surroundings.
- Avoid handbags, fanny packs and outside pockets - inside pockets or a sturdy shoulder bag with the strap worn across your chest. Consider locking/tying the zippers shut.

Prepare your friends and family before they travel through the NHRC Traveling Safe program; preparation and awareness can save another beloved family member from a tragedy such as the one faced by Natalee and her family.

About the Natalee Holloway Resource Center (NHRC)

The Natalee Holloway Resource Center (NHRC) focuses educational programs, including a traveling safe program, crime prevention and encourages careers in the fields of forensic science and law enforcement. The NHRC also provides families of missing persons with an action plan, missing poster templates, contacts, resources, and handles press releases and media reach. NHRC operates out of The National Museum of Crime & Punishment Museum in Washington DC. For more information, please visit www.helpthemissing.org.

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