



SAFETY TIPS FOR CONVENTION ATTENDEES

TRAVEL SMART

Identification: Be careful leaving valuables, purses and especially IDs in meeting and hotel rooms. At a minimum, make a copy of your driver’s license so if it were lost officials could use the information to check databases.

Passports: Do not carry your passport with you once you arrive at the convention destination. Make a copy of the passport if you so desire and carry it with you but leave your passport at the hotel. If the room you are staying in has a safe, lock it in the safe. If it doesn’t, consider leaving it in the hotel safe. Most important, do NOT carry it with you. If it is stolen or you lose it, obtaining a new one in order to get home can be difficult, frustrating, and time-consuming and could even delay your return home.

Cash: Do not carry all of your cash with you. Always leave enough cash in your hotel room safe or in the hotel safe to get you through the convention should you lose your money or be robbed. Otherwise, you could easily end up at the convention with no money at all and have difficulty getting home. Avoid displaying large amounts of cash or other tempting items.

Try Not to Carry A Purse: But if you must, carry it securely under your arm. Never wrap the purse strap around your arm or enter a tug-of-war with a thief trying to grab your purse. You could be seriously injured.

HOTEL SAFETY

Escape Routes: Whether in the meeting room or guest room, notice the nearest exits in case of an emergency. Remember an emergency could occur at the most inopportune time and in the dark. Consider leaving your shoes and clothing next to the bed if you need to run out the door. Keep the room key accessible.

Hotel Door: Use all auxiliary locking devices on doors and windows. Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry. Don’t let anybody in the room without knowing they are expected and wearing a uniform or badge. If in doubt, call the front desk. In a fire emergency, be sure to check the door for heat and smoke before exiting.

STREET SENSE

Scan the Environment: Look for well-lit streets and areas you feel safe. Select routes that are the shortest between your destination and hotel or conference center but avoid deserted areas. Be observant.

Walk with Confidence: Communicate the message that you are calm, confident, know where you are going, and know what is going on around you.

Remove Convention IDs: Remove your name badge and ribbons. Similarly, leave the convention totes back in the room. These are signs you are from out of town and might be an easy target.

Buddy System: Safety in numbers. Periodically check on each other and agree on departure times.

Just Say, “No!”: If you feel compelled to give, donate to charitable organizations. Avoid street solicitors.

FIRST AID

MCC’s First Aid Office is located outside Exhibit Hall B on Level 3.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency: Fire, Police, Ambulance	911
Weather	615-754-4633
Music City Center Building Security	615-401-1300

USEFUL NUMBERS

Visitor Information Center	615-259-4747
Non-Emergency: Police, Fire, Ambulance	615-862-8600
Nashville General Hospital	615-341-4000
Nashville Express Airport Shuttle	615-335-6479

CAB RATES

From the airport, the meter starts at \$7.00 and the rate is \$2.10 per mile. There is a flat rate of \$25.00 to the downtown and Opryland Hotel areas, plus an additional passenger charge of \$1.00 when accompanying original passenger and proceeding to the same destination.

For items left behind in cabs, contact:

Allied Cab	615-333-3333
American Music City Cab	615-865-4100
Checker Cab	615-256-7000
Green Cab	615-424-6000
Kwik Cab	615-934-0777
Magic Taxi	615-500-5000
NashVegas Cab	615-332-3333
Nashville Cab	615-333-3333
Pink Cab	615-367-5151
Taxi Taxi	615-333-3333
TennCab	615-888-8888
TN National Cab	615-530-5885
Volunteer Cab	615-955-7777
Yellow Cab	615-256-0101