

Haiti Team Member Safety Tips

The following lists some basic safety guidelines to be aware of when traveling in Haiti. While we do not anticipate any issues, we like to minimize any safety risks while you travel with us.

1. Do not leave the airport without your group. If you have missed your flight, do not leave until a clearly identified AG Missionary or representative comes to pick you up at the exit gate. (Always carry a photocopy of your passport)
2. Wear comfortable clothing that does not stand out (don't wear your Sunday best).
3. Avoid wearing flashy jewelry such as watches, diamond rings, or other gem-studded items. You do not want to draw attention to yourself.
4. Make sure you stay close to your group, always within eyesight.
5. Carry the majority of your cash in as private/secure location as possible. Always divide out small amounts of spending money in advance and keep in another location.
6. If anyone wants to purchase souvenirs they should bring smaller bills such as \$20, \$10, \$5, or \$1. You also need to avoid pulling all your money out at once. (Put money in several pockets) With vendors it is always best to act like you don't have much money.
7. Keep valuables such as cameras, iPhones, iPads, laptops etc. out of sight when stopped at a location.
8. Always be aware of who's around you, if you spot something unusual please report it to our staff immediately.
9. DON'T give money to ANYONE. If you feel overly compelled to give, please do so through one of our Haitian staff.
10. Try to avoid the typical loud American stereotype. Blend in as much as possible and try to not let everyone know you've arrived.
11. Try to be indoors before dark. If you travel after dark, refrain from taking pictures with a flash in order to avoid drawing any unwanted attention.
12. Please follow your leaders instructions completely and immediately, especially related to safety concerns. Often the instructions are made in order to maintain a safe and conducive tour experience. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.