



United Nations Department of Safety and Security
Brazilian Office

SECURITY TIPS – RIO DE JANEIRO, BRASIL

Although Rio de Janeiro is a very pleasant place to visit, some precautions should be respected, as street crime might be a problem in some areas of the city.

To begin with practice the same caution you would have when visiting a major metropolitan destination in your country. Consider the caution you take at night in any major city and use the same caution when in Rio de Janeiro.

Expensive cameras and jewelry should be worn discreetly.

Purses and wallets can attract attention. Use a money belt or a concealed money pouch for passports, cash and other valuables. Only carry small amounts of cash and a copy of your passport. Carry only the credit cards you are going to need, not all you have.

Keep a separate photocopy of your passport. Contact your nearest embassy or consulate immediately if it is lost.

Do not take valuables to the beach.

Whenever possible, do not travel alone. If you travel to isolated areas, go with a group or a reputable guide.

Although very guarded, “Sugar Loaf”, “Corcovado” and other tourist places are still a pickpocket paradise. At airports, hotel lobbies, bus stations, and other public places there exists pick pocketing as well. Be aware that pickpockets can be man as well as women.

Use registered taxis (radio taxis). Ask advice in your hotel at the reception desk.

In the car keep doors locked, windows closed and valuables out of sight. A common trick for a thief is to reach through a car window and grab a watch from a person’s wrist or a purse or package from the seat while you are driving slowly or have to stop during traffic.

Always carry emergency contact information with you that includes a contact in Brazil (ASC and hotel) and from home.

If you are assaulted, **DO NOT REACT**. Immediately after, report to the Tourist Police Station and call the ASC.

Try to follow the security tips but consider also that paranoia should be avoided as it attracts the wrong kind of attention. **Be streetwise and enjoy your stay!**

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

UN Area Security Coordinator (ASC)
(Hildemir Contaifer)
DIAL 9857-4002

State Police Emergency Telephone
DIAL 190

Ambulance
DIAL 193

Tourist Police Station
DIAL 2511-5112 - 2511-5112 - 2511-5767

YOUR HOTEL
(NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE)

YOUR HOME
(PHONE NUMBER)