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Safety Break: Tips for Spring Break Safety and Security

SANTA ANA, California (March 16, 2010) – Universal Services of America, the largest provider of security services to the commercial real estate market in Southern California, has compiled a list of items to consider when planning and enjoying your spring break.

- **If you're leaving the country**, bring your passport, don't pack flashy jewelry and dress conservatively
 - **Please note:** there have been recent reports of violent incidents in the Northern Mexican border towns, so you may want to plan your vacation away from those areas
- **If you are driving**, check out all belts, hoses, fluid levels and tires on the car prior to leaving; pack emergency provisions and tools, such as a first aid kit, flashlight, water and snacks; make sure someone stays awake with the driver at all times
- **Ask for hotel rooms** above the 1st floor and below the 6th, to limit easy break-ins and stay within reach of fire ladders; always lock your door and use the peephole. Don't leave valuables in your room and never overcrowd elevators, climb on balconies or sit on railings
- **Always carry your ID:** remember to bring your driver's license and another set of photo identification, as well as your health insurance card, allergy bracelets and emergency contact information.
- **Use the ATM** in groups during daylight hours and use caution when punching in your pin number
- **While drinking:** take it slow when drinking on the beach and stay hydrated, and remember that the effects of alcohol are stronger in a hot tub
- **Cruises can be fun** and while there are a whole set of additional safety rules for ships, the buddy system still prevails, so stick with others and watch your pockets on and off the ship

For additional security tips, please visit: <http://www.universalpro.com/SecurityUpdates.html>

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