

Hotel Room Checklist

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- To Protect Yourself
 - If you are inside the room, turn the deadbolt and fasten the security chain.
 - When you leave your hotel room, pull the door completely closed behind you - even on quick trips to the ice machine.
 - Take the duplicate key if you are traveling alone.
 - Use your peephole when someone knocks.
 - Don't open your door if you are not comfortable doing so.
 - Do not trust someone claiming to be a hotel employee if you are not expecting one.
 - Leave the security chain engaged while opening the door for further protection.
 - Never let a stranger trap you in your room.
 - Check all windows and doors in your room every time you enter it and leave it to make sure they are closed and locked.
 - When entering or leaving the hotel after dark, use the main entrance.
- To Protect Your Valuables
 - Use the safe provided in the room to store keys, wallets, extra cash and credit cards, jewelry, and other small valuable items
 - If no safe is supplied, check with the front desk.
 - Don't leave cash, travelers checks and expensive electronics and jewelry lying around the room.
 - Leave larger expensive or breakable objects at home.
 - If you must bring expensive objects, store them in the closet and out of the way of the cleaning crew.