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Winter Vacation Safety Tips from CAA Saskatchewan

Many of us are dreaming about warmer climates for a quick reprieve from this extreme cold winter weather. For those fortunate enough to travel to a sunshine destination, here are some vacation safety tips to protect yourself and your travelling companions.

Personal Safety Tips:

- ✓ Check your booked flights frequently. Flight cancellations and delays are likely during peak periods. Also check your flight status prior to driving to the airport.
- ✓ Know your airline's cancellation policy. Some airlines may be waiving fees and issuing changes due to possible rebooking policies.
- ✓ Monitor weather conditions – both for the departure and destination cities.
- ✓ Don't forget your travel insurance.
- ✓ Be alert and aware of your surroundings, especially if you are leaving resorts.
- ✓ All inclusive resorts are very popular: know your limits and keep your personal safety top of mind.
- ✓ Don't travel with expensive jewellery – lock up personal belongings like passports and personal devices.
- ✓ Make sure your passport is up to date and is valid for time required by the country or countries visited.
- ✓ Pack any medications in their original containers and store in your carry-on bags.
- ✓ Make photocopies of your passport, credit cards, etc. and leave a copy at home with family or friends and keep a photocopy with you along with the originals stored in a separate location.
- ✓ Weigh your packed luggage to avoid additional airline charges.
- ✓ Booked with [CAA Travel](#)? Stay connected with your local CAA Travel consultant for assistance.
- ✓ [The Government of Canada's Travel Advice and Advisories](#) has important information on destinations and personal safety.

Home Safety Tips:

- ✓ Suspend newspaper delivery. Arrange for someone to pick up your mail or contact the service to store it until your return.
- ✓ Show discretion on social media, never letting folks know you are away from home.
- ✓ Ensure all doors and windows are locked.
- ✓ Use timers for lights and possibly the TV or radio.
- ✓ Turn off your water supply or have someone enter the home and check on things daily to ensure the pipes are not frozen. (This is a requirement of most insurance policies during the winter months).
- ✓ Ask a neighbour to shovel snow around your driveway and sidewalks. Encourage neighbours to use your driveway so it looks like someone is coming and going on a regular basis.
- ✓ Leave blinds or curtains in normal position – don't close them completely.
- ✓ Close and lock the garage door. Keep your vehicle locked, especially if it has an electric garage door opener.
- ✓ Make sure your home insurance is up to date and that it will provide coverage for your belongings. Advise your insurance broker of any changes required for major purchases or renovations.



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CAA Insurance has developed a [Property Inventory Checklist](#) that can be used to create a list of personal belongings along with their replacement value. In the event of a claim, the checklist provides valuable information when settling your claim with an adjuster.

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