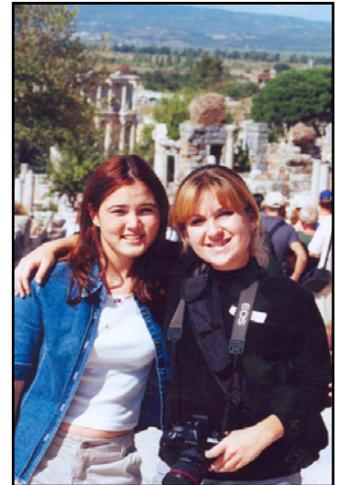


## Personal Security Tips

DoD mandated Antiterrorism Level I training provides practical tips on how to maintain security awareness and take basic security precautions to recognize potential signs of trouble. With spring break approaching, administrators can offer staff, students, and parents the following personal security reminders to help them decrease the chances of becoming the victim of criminal or terrorist activity while travelling.

- ◆ **Blend in with the local populace** – Avoid wearing clothing or badges that make it obvious you are an American when you are traveling. Wear clothing appropriate for the area you are visiting and pack a plain suitcase with covered nametags.
- ◆ **Avoid crowds where you are continually jostled** – this leaves you prey to pick-pockets or stampedes of panicked people. Always leave yourself room to maneuver.
- ◆ **Leave room to leave** – If you see security responding to a situation, or feel uneasy, leave the area.
- ◆ **Inspect your rental car** – Inspect your rental car and familiarize yourself with the emergency equipment. Check the exterior again each time it is parked in an unsecured location.
- ◆ **Use Safe Havens** – If you suspect you are being followed or “tailed” proceed at normal speed to a military installation, police station, bank, government building, hotel, or well lighted public location.
- ◆ **Protect your personal space** – Check the room for operational locks on the doors, balcony, and windows. Do not answer the door or open the door to unexpected visitors.
- ◆ **Observe incidents carefully** – In the event of a terrorist attack, remain calm, encourage others to remain calm, and attempt to understand the developing situation. Cooperate with responding officials and report your observations when asked.
- ◆ **Use “teaching opportunities”** – Ask students and companions how they would exit an area or protect themselves if a terrorist attack started. Thinking through hypothetical scenarios has several benefits. It increases security awareness and also helps individuals control emotion and respond more quickly if an event occurs.



Practicing security awareness reassures personnel that even in a situation that appears overwhelming, there is always something that can be done to minimize damage and loss of life. Learning and practicing personal security enables individuals to respond smoothly and help others during a crisis event.

Level I Antiterrorism Security Awareness Training is available to all DoDEA employees and dependent students 14 years old and older. To arrange to attend or host a refresher briefing on your installation, contact your Antiterrorism Officer. Two excellent resources from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) are the Antiterrorism Individual Protective Measures Card and the Antiterrorism Personal Protection Guide. Both of these documents are distributed at AT Level I trainings and available on the DoDEA Office of Safety and Security Web site at [www.dodea.edu/offices/safety/personalSecurity.cfm?sid=4](http://www.dodea.edu/offices/safety/personalSecurity.cfm?sid=4). ■