



Tournament Hotel Safety

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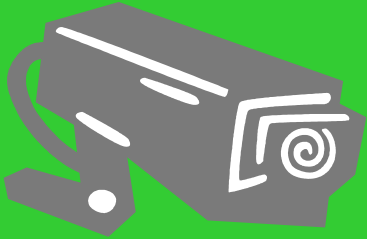
I. What To Look For In A Safe Hotel

- Franchised hotel
- Is hotel equipped with automatic fire sprinkler system/smoke detectors in hotel rooms, hallways?
- Are electronic guest room card keys utilized?
- Are entrances (rear/side) locked and provided with electronic card key access?

- Are interior hallways, parking structures & grounds well lit?
- Parking garage should not have elevators taking passenger to guest floors.
- Is hotel located in a high crime area?
Check with local police.
- Does hotel provide personnel in guest security?



II. Evaluate Safety & Security Measures



- Do room doors have peepholes, chains, flip locks and/or deadbolt locks?
- Do not select rooms on ground floor that has door & windows that face the outside. Hotels with interior hallways tend to be safer.
- Is hotel equipped with security cameras covering exterior exits, parking areas?

- Avoid rooms above the sixth floor – maximum height that most fire department ladders can reach.
- Guest rooms closest to elevators are safest, however, noisier.
- Avoid ground floor rooms off the parking lot in motels.
- Does the hotel switchboard give out room numbers? Operator should simply connect you to another room.



III. Team Arrival & Hotel Safety

- Familiarize your players with the layout of the hotel and nearest fire exits.
- Introduce your players to front desk personnel who can help with problems.
- Advise your players to never open their room door unless the person is known.
- Keep room doors locked at all times with deadbolts on – never allow room doors to be propped open.



- Familiarize players of hotel swimming pool rules, usage if permitted.
- If players bring laptop computers, advise them to leave it at the front desk when leaving room.



IV. Player Supervision During Hotel Stay

- Children should be paired up with other children of same gender and similar age.
- Chaperones should be in separate nearby rooms.
- Every activity sponsored by your club should utilize a “buddy system”.
- No player should go anywhere i.e. hotel lobby areas without his/her buddy

- There should be a minimum of 1 adult chaperone for every 8 players with a minimum of 2 adult chaperones always present.
- Chaperones/coaches must respond promptly to any accusations of sexual or physical abuse to local authorities for immediate investigation.



V. Parent/Club/Host Club Responsibilities

- Make sure the child has the required identification, tickets that airline security requires.
- Make sure each parent and coach/chaperone has been provided emergency contact information (hotel address, phone numbers) if child is traveling alone.

- Tournament hosting organization should convey relationship with various hotels recommended for tournament housing.
- Reason should be explicit and endorsement neutral (EX: To assure availability of hotel accommodations).
- Consider disclaimer language that the host organization assumes no liability by it's endorsement of a particular hotel.

Thank You For Attending

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