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**I Did Not Get that Memo**

**Personal Safety**

Make sure that you keep the address and telephone number of your hotel in either your wallet or your phone.

Remember: Not every cab driver knows where every hotel is located without the address. In any given European city, there can be several hotels with the same name.

Leave your jewelry at home.

Don’t carry a pocketbook. Leave it at home.

Don’t put your wallet in your back pocket.

Do carry a back pack, but keep in the front of you and hold onto the bag rather than the straps.

Do not walk near the curb. Cyclists can cut the straps of your bag and be out of sight while you are picking yourself up from the ground.

Watch out for Pickpockets and Gypsies. In the US, we are familiar with Gypsies because their attire is obvious. However, this is not the case in Europe. The gypsies are better dressed than we are and blend right into the crowd. In addition, be careful of children or people who bump into you. They are used for distractions, so that others can rob you.

Pay attention to your surroundings. If something doesn’t look right, it probably isn’t.

Register to STEP before leaving the US.