

Safety in Another Culture

It's important to note that Mission Jamaica would be giving these same tips if we were called Mission Minneapolis or Mission Kansas or Mission Sweden. They're simply smart, common sense guidelines that apply in any travel setting.

Missionaries are not to go anywhere off the hotel premises or mission sites alone. No matter your age or gender, always go in groups of at least two-three, and always let someone know where you're going. This is not only a guideline; **it is a Mission Jamaica policy.**

Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Even on the hotel premises or mission sites, it's important to not place yourself in a high-risk situation. If someone or something seems out of place or not quite right, trust your instincts, and seek assistance from another team member or staff member of Mission Jamaica, its partners, or the hotel.

Keep money, credit cards, passports, cell phones, etc in the hotel safe. Keep the safe key, hotel key, camera, etc on your person when you're not in the room. Don't set your personal items down and turn your back; it's too easy to be distracted or leave something behind.

Portray a confident, know-where-I'm-going demeanor. Anyone who wants to cause harm will be less likely to do so if you don't look like an easy target.