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THE TERRORISM SURVIVAL GUIDE:
201 Travel Tips On How *NOT* To Become A Victim.

By Andy Lightbody

Gunnison, Colorado (August 5, 2004)—**THE TERRORISM SURVIVAL GUIDE: 201 Travel Safety Tips On How NOT To Become A Victim,** written by Andy Lightbody and published by Internet Colorado as an e-book (electronic) from <http://www.travelsafetytips.net> or available on a CD designed specifically to profile, examine, and discuss how to travel domestically and internationally more safely and secure. Broad areas of coverage include: 1) Trip planning in advance for increased safety; 2) Luggage protection; 3) Safety at the airport; 4) safety onboard airplanes, cruise ships and tour buses; 5) Safety while traveling or at your destination; 6) Traveling as a “low profile tourist”; 7) Travel safety for women; 8) What happens if you become a victim of crime or terrorism; 9) Traveling with Children.

All of these topics are with a host of common sense, easy to read and understand precautions that today’s business or vacation traveler need to know, understand and be aware of while traveling domestically or internationally.

“The book covers the gamut of travel safety in a world that is very different since 9/11.” says Andy Lightbody. “It’s popularity lies in the fact that it’s ideal for those that travel on business or vacation, here or abroad. It’s designed to educate and inform everyone—not intimidate or scare. The goal is to continue to travel, but be more aware of what is going on in the world and how to better plan for your personal security.”

Written by Andy Lightbody, a professional radio/TV personality with over 20-years of “reporting experience” and program credits on ABC, CBS, CNN, CNBC, Tribune Broadcasting, Radio America Network, Fox News, WMAL in Washington DC, and KNRC in Denver. Lightbody has also been a magazine editor, writer and book author with credits in some of the leading publications throughout the nation related to defense and high technology subjects.

TRAVEL SAFETY GUIDE TIPS:

Trip Planning Tips- e.g.- tip #18: “*Clean*” *Your Passport* – If your passport is loaded with foreign visas and states, especially to areas where there is conflict, you should get a new passport.

Protecting Your Luggage- e.g.- tip #56: *Use Fold over ID Tags*- Open tags allow prying eyes to view immediately who you are, and where you are from.

Safety At Airports- e.g.- tip #76: *Stay Away From The Gate*- Do not sit near the gate where your plane is going to depart from, until you hear the boarding announcement. Airline gates are notorious terror targets.

On Board The Airplane, Cruise Ship, Tour Bus- e.g.- tip # 93: *Use “stash” areas*—Look around for areas within arms reach to conceal any materials or documents you must carry, but do not want found or associated with you. Usually the seat cushion that doubles as a flotation device is the best place to hide papers.

Safety At Your Destination, Or While Traveling- e.g.- tip #106: *Check Your Room*—Whenever you return to your hotel room, stand in the doorway and look inside before entering. Is everything the way it was left? If not leave immediately and notify hotel staff/security.

Traveling As a “Low Profile Tourist”- e.g.- tip #138: *Leave maps/guidebooks in your room*—Nothing is more obvious than fumbling with a tourist map on an unfamiliar street. Plan your route ahead of time – know where you’re going and how to get back. Avoid having that “lost” look.

Specifically For Women Travelers- e.g.—tip #159: *Walking in public*—When out in cities, it’s advisable to walk confidently, head high and at a moderately fast pace. Make it look like you’re moving quickly to your next business appointment. Also, it’s best to not walk close to the curb. Stay closer to building fronts. A lot of purse-snatchers are now working over victims by riding bicycles and scooters.

If You Become A Victim Of Crime/Terrorism- e.g.- tip #171: *Always be cooperative*— Do not be provocative or antagonistic. Even direct eye contact can be considered a threatening gesture. If questioned by your captors, keep your answers short. Do not offer long explanations. Be ready to react if the opportunity presents itself.

Traveling With Children—e.g.- tip # 200: *Take a current photo of your child with you*—In the event your child ends up missing, having a photo can help everyone from law enforcement to locals identify and return them quickly.

Emergency Assistance and Medical Aid. A guide to preplanning and researching where travelers are going, with phone numbers and web sites on how to find out what kind of medical aid and assistance is available in many countries.

Terrorism Group Profiles: Who are the most active, and why are Americans being targeted?

Embassies and U.S. Consulates: Know where and how to get help in the event of a terrorist attack or criminal act.

U.S. Customs: How to minimize the hassle of getting into and out of the United States as a U.S. citizen.

- Topical topics:
- 1) Is there really a terror proof aircraft?
 - 2) What does a Travel Advisory from the State Department really mean to the average traveler?
 - 3) What new technology is being developed to protect travelers—bio scans, sniffer machines, etc.
 - 4) Know before you go—where to get up to date terror/criminal activity reports.

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