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# TO PREPARE FOR TRAVEL EMERGENCIES

## Research Your Destination • Familiarize yourself with local customs, laws, and culture. Check for any travel advisories or warnings issued by your government. Travel Insurance Purchase comprehensive travel insurance that covers medical emergencies, trip cancellations, lost luggage, and other unforeseen events. Ensure it covers activities you plan to do, like skiing or scuba diving. Emergency Contacts Have a list of emergency contacts, including the local embassy or consulate, local emergency services, and contacts back home. • Share your itinerary with a trusted person at home. Health Precautions Visit a travel clinic or your doctor to get necessary vaccinations and medications. Carry a basic first-aid kit with essentials like band-aids, antiseptic wipes, pain relievers, and any prescription medications. • Know the location of the nearest hospital or clinic at your destination. 2347139 DEPARTED Esplanat

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#### Backup Important Documents

- Make photocopies of your passport, visa, travel insurance, and other essential documents.
- Store them separately from the originals and consider having digital copies stored securely online.

#### Local Language

 Learn basic phrases in the local language, especially emergency-related ones like "help," "hospital," or "police."

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• Carry a translation app or phrasebook.

#### Stay Informed

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• Sign up for alerts from your government's travel advisory service, like the <u>STEP program</u> from the U.S. Department of State.

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• Stay updated on local news and events.



#### Emergency Funds

- Have <u>access to emergency funds</u>, either in the form of cash, credit cards, or traveler's checks.
- Consider carrying a hidden money belt.

### Stay Connected

- Have a working cell phone with a <u>local SIM card</u> or an international roaming plan.
- Carry a portable charger or power bank.

#### Know Local Emergency Numbers

• Familiarize yourself with local emergency numbers, such as 911 in the U.S. or 112 in many European countries.

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#### Pack Smart

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• Pack a flashlight, multi-tool, and any other emergency gear relevant to your destination.

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• Consider packing non-perishable snacks and a water bottle.

