

SAFETY & SECURITY TIPS & TRICKS

From the ELCA Youth Gathering Logistics Team

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Be Aware Of Your Surroundings

- Familiarize yourself (and the group) with important locations (hotel, first aid, etc.).
- As soon as you arrive at a new destination, set up a designated meeting place to reconvene if you are splitting up or if someone gets separated from the group.

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Keep in Contact

- Each chaperone should have a list of the names of the students in the group and their cell phone numbers.
- It can be helpful to use a group messaging app (like BAND or GroupMe) to message the whole group at once.
- Program your contacts, emergency contacts, and important Youth Gathering contact numbers into phones.

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Have Medical Information Easily Accessible

- Keep copies of medical/emergency contact information and a current photo for each person in your group stored digitally.
- Ensure someone else has travel/hotel/group information (such as a staff member at your church and/or other adult leaders in your group).

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Be Prepared & Adaptable

- Make a daily plan and have a backup plan (food, activities, etc.).
- Build intentional downtime/rest time throughout your trip.
- Be willing to adjust/adapt. Bring portable phone chargers/cords.

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Follow Gathering Guidance

- Non-anxious presence.
- Follow timing guidelines.
- Be mindful of the clear bag policy to avoid any confusion.
- Keep your wristband on.

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Seek Help When Needed

- You are not alone. We are here to help.