

Tournament Hotel Safety

Managers should review "safety and emergency" procedures with their teams.

I. Evaluate Safety & Security Measures•

Do room doors have peepholes, chains, flip locks and/or deadbolt locks?

- Hotels with interior hallways tend to be safer.
- Is hotel equipped with security cameras covering exterior exits, parking areas?

II. Team Arrival & Hotel Safety

- Familiarize your players with the layout of the hotel and nearest fire exits.
- Introduce your players to front desk personnel who can help with problems.
- Advise your players to never open their room door unless the person is known.
- Keep room doors locked at all times with deadbolts on –never allow room doors to be propped open.

Familiarize players of hotel swimming pool rules, usage if permitted.

- If players bring electronics such as tablet or laptop computers, advise them to secure when leaving room.

III. Player Supervision During Hotel Stay

- Children should be paired up with other children of same gender and similar age.
 - Chaperones should be in separate nearby rooms.
 - Every activity sponsored by your club/team should utilize a “buddy system”.
 - No player should go anywhere i.e. hotel lobby areas without his/her buddy
- Recommendation is there should be a minimum of 1 adult chaperone for every 8 players with a minimum of 2 adult chaperones always present.
- Chaperones/coaches must respond promptly to any accusations of sexual or physical abuse to local authorities for immediate investigation.

IV. Parent/Club/Host Club Responsibilities

- Make sure the child has the required identification, tickets that airline security requires.
- Make sure each parent and coach/chaperone has been provided emergency contact information (hotel address, phone numbers) if child is traveling alone.