



Report

PRIVATE SECURITY ANALYSIS

SECURITY IN HOLY WEEK

At the end of March 2024, Colombia will commemorate Holy Week, days during which the Catholic Church recalls the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. This time, Thursday the 28th and Friday the 29th will be the holy and festive days in the country.

In order to celebrate the holiday and take advantage of the non-working days, citizens typically embark on trips during these dates, which increases the risks of falling victim to high-impact crimes during this season.

Residential thefts when homeowners leave their homes unattended, thefts from persons in places with high tourist traffic, vehicle thefts due to the massive exodus and mobility on the country's roads, and cyber scams when booking accommodations are some of the security scenarios that arise during the Easter season.

Thus, 3+ Security Colombia offers the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS



- Secure your property before leaving your residence. Ensure that all security mechanisms are functioning correctly and reinforce those that require it.
- Avoid informing strangers that you will be traveling and that your residence will be unoccupied. Likewise, refrain from sharing your whereabouts on social media, maintaining high confidentiality of your vacation plans.
- If you plan to leave your house unattended for several days, notify a trusted person to keep an eye out for any unusual activity. If you reside in a residential complex, inform the management of your absence so that private security can conduct regular patrols, maintaining smooth communication with them.



- If traveling by land transportation, purchase your ticket directly at the transportation terminal to avoid falling victim to scams.
- If you plan to rent farms, cabins, or vacation homes, demand documents verifying the legality of the property and the identification of the person offering it, avoiding making advances without certainty. Be wary of luxurious places with very low prices and inquire about the experience of people who have already used the service, as well as the location of the property of interest.

- Refrain from hiring products or services advertised through social media; use reliable websites and companies recognized in the tourism sector.
- Do not neglect your luggage and, as far as possible, reject the help of strangers.
- If you are going to travel through crowded places, never lose sight of your personal belongings and always be attentive to avoid becoming a victim of "pickpocketing".
- During group outings or visits to entertainment venues, avoid carrying large amounts of money or valuable jewelry that may attract the attention of local criminals.
- To ensure smooth land travels, before departing, verify that the doors, windows, and trunk of your vehicle are in good condition.



- Pre-check the roads where unsafe situations have occurred to avoid them and use alternative routes.
- When traveling by car on the road, always keep the doors locked, windows up, and avoid making purchases at traffic lights, as these areas are used by criminals to commit thefts under the opportunity factor and the so-called 'smash-and-grab' robberies.
- Avoid leaving electronic devices or valuable items visible inside your vehicle.
- If you make stops during your journey, always ensure that the vehicle is completely closed when you leave.
- At any stop you make, always keep your vehicle in sight.

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