

## Sleep Safe & Sound While Travelling

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One night in the early 1960s while my parents lived in Japan burglars broke in while they were sleeping but my parents didn't wake up. The police discovered a slit in the screen of the bedroom window and informed them the crooks probably cut the screen and pushed a hose through, then filled the room with a sleeping gas to keep my parents unconscious as they ransacked the bedroom. The youngest of my sisters had just been born and since most new mothers sleep lightly that is most likely what happened. Fortunately they didn't gas the rooms of my other sisters or the baby. The thieves got off with some cash and sadly, my mother's engagement and wedding rings from her jewelry box.

Fast forward 50+ years to France where Formula One racer Jenson Button and his wife were [robbed in a similar way](#) while vacationing in Saint-Tropez. The criminals got over \$300,000 in loot including an engagement ring as well.

Unfortunately criminals love tourists. Robbing hotel rooms is one of their more invasive tactics but they have many more, from [pickpockets](#) loving "Beware of Pickpocket" signs, [snatch & grab teams](#), to more [involved scams](#) in and around businesses.

Big "I" Markets partner Travel Insured International has a highly informative blog post about [keeping your money safe](#) while traveling.

The [TII travel blog](#) covers a myriad of travel related subjects, including sleeping on flights, honeymoon planning tips, using a cellphone abroad, and picking the right hotel, just to name a few.

Travel Insurance can cover accident and sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation/repatriation, trip delays, cancellation, interruption, missed connections due to severe weather or many others reasons outside the traveler's control.

Obtaining coverage is easy:

- Review the [product guide](#) and [comparison chart](#) with your client.<sup>1</sup>
- When you are ready for coverage to be issued, click on "Request a Quote" in [Big "I" Markets](#) and provide the necessary information. A credit card will be required to issue coverage.
- Coverage will be issued and confirmed in Big "I" Markets.

Travel Insurance is currently available to members in all states.

<sup>1</sup> - Rates, waiting periods, and coverages can vary in FL, IA, KS, NY & WA.