LIFE SECURITY HANDBOOK • TRAVEL SMARTER

AIRBNB SAFETY CHECKLIST

A practical, save-and-use guide for choosing a stay, checking your space, and protecting yourself.

1 | BEFORE YOU BOOK

- **Read the listing carefully.** Check recent reviews, host history, house rules, and whether the address/area suits your needs.
- **Check safety features.** Look for smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, a fire extinguisher, and a first-aid kit; ask the host if details are unclear.
- **Review camera disclosures.** Read the platform's current rules and the listing's disclosures for any permitted exterior devices or recording equipment.
- **Keep communication on-platform.** Be wary of requests to pay off-platform or share sensitive personal information.

2 | PACK A SMALL SAFETY KIT

- **Portable CO detector:** Bring a battery-powered unit if you want an extra layer of protection; test it and follow its instructions. It does not replace installed alarms.
- **Door wedge or travel door lock:** Choose one compatible with the door and permitted by the property rules; never block emergency exit.
- **Small flashlight** and spare batteries or a charged power bank.
- **Personal travel safe:** Useful for organizing valuables, but not theft-proof. Keep passports, cash, and spare cards out of sight.
- **Basic first aid**, needed medication, and emergency contact details.

3 | CHECK CAMERAS & PRIVACY

- Do a calm visual scan of bedrooms, bathrooms, changing areas, and objects aimed toward private spaces.
- Notice unfamiliar devices, unusual placement, or lenses; check common hiding spots without dismantling property or damaging anything.
- A phone flashlight or camera app may help spot reflections, but neither reliably detects all cameras. Consumer "detectors" can also miss devices or give false alerts.
- If you find a suspected device, document its location with photos, avoid tampering, leave the space if you feel unsafe, and contact the booking platform and appropriate authorities.

4 | ON ARRIVAL

- **Confirm the address** and share it with a trusted person. Send them your check-in details and expected check-out time.
- **Locate exits.** Identify a second way out, stairs, outdoor meeting point, and the nearest safe public place.
- **Check alarms.** Look for smoke and CO alarms; ask the host where they are and whether they work. Never disable or cover them.
- **Check doors and windows.** Confirm locks work, windows secure, and exterior doors close fully. Report anything that won't lock.
- **Find essentials:** first-aid kit, fire extinguisher, breaker panel if accessible, and posted emergency instructions.

5 | DURING YOUR STAY

- Lock doors and windows whenever appropriate; keep keys and access codes private. Don't let unknown visitors in.
- Keep your phone charged and your route out clear. Avoid placing bags or furniture where they block exits.
- Never use a barbecue, camping stove, generator, or fuel-burning heater indoors or in an enclosed space.
- If a CO alarm sounds—or you have headache, dizziness, nausea, or confusion—get everyone outside into fresh air immediately and call emergency services. Don't re-enter until responders say it's safe.
- If you smell gas, see fire, or feel threatened, leave first and call local emergency services from a safe location.

6 | BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- Check for your phone, wallet, passport, medication, chargers, and valuables.
- Log out of streaming accounts and remove personal information from shared devices where possible.
- Report safety issues through the platform; keep factual notes and photos of any concern.

YOUR SAFETY COMES FIRST

If something feels seriously wrong, leave the property and move to a safe public place. In the U.S., call 911 for an immediate emergency. For other locations, use the local emergency number. This checklist is general guidance and cannot guarantee a risk-free stay.