Welcome! San Francisco is known for its diversity and friendliness. Easily walkable, the city’s 49 square miles offer countless attractions and experiences. Nevertheless, it’s always good to take precautions when visiting a new city.

To ensure safer travels—not only here, but anywhere you may visit—we offer some suggestions below.

Be Smart, Be Safe

Follow these tips for a safe visit:

• Upon leaving a convention, be sure to remove your attendee badge and either put it away or recycle it.

• Keep your eyes up, your ears open, and your phone away on city streets and on public transportation. This will lower the chance of theft and keep you safe on San Francisco’s busy streets.

• Carry your wallet in the front pocket of your pants or the inside pocket of your jacket.

• Avoid leaving bags on the ground or over the back of your chair.

• San Franciscans are knowledgeable, helpful, and friendly. We encourage visitors to ask shopkeepers, hotel staff, or police officers for assistance.
San Francisco Public Safety Contacts

Call 311* (or download the SF311 app) to:

• Report unsanitary street conditions.

• Request assistance for someone in need of non-emergency services.

• Report a crime that has already happened.

*For visitors with phone numbers outside San Francisco’s 415 area code, dial 415.701.2311 or use the SF311 mobile app. Dial +1 for international.

Call 911 to:

• Report a crime in progress.

• Report an emergency situation.

• Request help for someone having a medical or psychiatric emergency.

How You Can Help

We appreciate those visitors who report these matters. You’re helping us make San Francisco a better place for everyone.

There are numerous charitable organizations in San Francisco that address homelessness and its associated issues. For a list of where you can give, visit: sftravel.com/tips-tourists