

THE INVESTIGATOR

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About Us

Since 2000 BCSI has performed hundreds of successful investigations.

Our integrated team of investigators and support services ensure that the investigations are conducted in a timely fashion with leading edge techniques.

BCSI is considered the platinum standard of the industry based on the quality and the wide spectrum of its services as well as the expertise of the investigators.

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Traveling

When you're traveling make sure you're prepared if the following happens to you and your family:

- Flight delays/cancellation
- Lost luggage
- Dropped reservations
- Having a local use his/her knowledge to rip you off
- Counterfeiting of local traditional crafts or antiques
- Counterfeiting of designer labels

You as the traveler have to educate yourself prior to leaving for your trip. Most tourist areas have what is called a "cottage industry" that copies the local traditional crafts and antiques. Due diligence and research are your key advantages in staying away from any mishaps or scams that may occur.

Shopping Abroad

- Know the exchange rate
- Get to know the country's customs, such as haggling, bargaining, and tipping
- Use guidebooks for the costs associated to transportation, hotels, meals etc.
- Research the country prior to traveling



Counterfeit Designer Labels

Social Media



When you're traveling you might come across a designer purse you've been looking for, but could not afford the price in the store. All high-end fashion designers are targets for counterfeiting, as they know people will purchase a purse for up to 80% off the retail price even though they know it is not real.

Designer items such as clothing or leather goods (e.g. handbags) are sold on the grey market at a reduced price; meanwhile the quality of the product is often very poor and therefore of little value.

Cargo Insurance and Traveler's Insurance

When you're ready to come home with a large purchase, make sure you purchase cargo insurance for protection against any damage that may occur during transportation. If you decide to bring the purchased item(s) on the plane with you, the item(s) will still be insured for their value.

Looking into travelers insurance is a good idea along with speaking to your credit card company to protect you in certain situations. When purchasing your travelers insurance please ask your broker to provide you with details on everything that is covered, as this can be misleading.



Currency Safety

Currency is always a target for criminals. If you research your destination you will be able to find out if ATM's will be easily accessible. Most ATM's will allow you to take out small amounts of currency at a time using your own banks debit or credit card. Criminals are more likely to target ATM's in tourist areas using bogus card readers, video cameras, and other tools to obtain card information and PIN numbers. Once your credit or debit card is compromised then your identity may be stolen.

It is easier to use a credit card for most of your purchases. Traveler's cheques are still an option for the cautious traveler. The credit card company will protect you in the event of a fraud or unauthorized use of your card. It is very important that you check you transactions daily when traveling as well as advising your credit card company that you are going to be out of the country.