Public Place Safety

• **Take a good look.** Before you enter a building, look around and see if the place looks in proper condition. Does the building’s condition make you uncomfortable? Are the doors wide and unblocked, allowing for easy entrance and exit?

• **Have a communication plan.** Identify a relative or friend to contact in case of an emergency and you become separated from the rest of your party.

• **Have a meeting place.** Pick a place to meet in the event of an emergency.

• **Have an exit plan.** Locate all available exits, keeping in mind some may be behind you. In an emergency, always use the exit nearest you, even if it’s not a main exit.

• **Make sure aisles are clear.** Make sure nothing or no one is obstructing aisles. If you don’t have at least two unobstructed exits, report the violation to management. Leave the location if it is not immediately addressed and call your local fire department to report the violation.

• **Trust your instincts.** If the building appears to be overcrowded, is using unattended fire sources, pyrotechnics or other heat sources without safety systems like alternative exits, sprinklers and smoke alarms, report your concerns to management. If not addressed, leave immediately and report the violations to your local fire department.