

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Your safety is our first concern at the ACVIM Forum. Although no emergency situation is anticipated, you should be aware of the following safety systems and procedures. If you feel threatened at any time while at this event, or witness a safety, security or medical-related incident, do not hesitate to call 911.

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

If you are staying at or attending an event at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, you are also able to contact building security by dialing x51 or 215.625.6077 from any house phone located in the building. The Marriott exterior doors lock at 10:00 pm and after 11:00 pm guests must show room key to be allowed into the building.

Pennsylvania Convention Center (PCC)

Medical Emergencies

If a medical emergency occurs while you are at the PCC please contact 911 immediately or locate a Call Box and dial 4911 for assistance or dial 215.418.4911 for the command station. Attendees can also visit the EMT office located at back of Solutions Center (Hall A) for first aid needs.

PCC AED / Bleed Kit Locations

AED Machines are placed at various locations throughout the facility.

- Command Station
- 200 Level- East Side Of Bridge
- Hall 'B' Exterior Corridor Near Rear Freight
- Expansion - Broad Street Atrium - South Side Wall
- Expansion – 200 Level Top Of Escalator – Outside Of Hall 'E'
- Expansion – Terrace Level – Rear Corridor Behind Terrace 1

AED Only

- Ballroom B Pre-Function
- Spiral-Street Level-F Concourse

Fire Alarms / Evacuation

On occasion, fire alarms will sound during events at the Convention Center. If you are in an affected area at the sound of a fire alarm, please vacate the space to a non-affected area in the nearby vicinity. Full building evacuations are rare at PCC. In the case of an evacuation, a facility-wide announcement will be made. All guests should proceed to the nearest and safest exit. Recommended emergency exit directions are located on the exit doors in each meeting room.

Health and Safety Protocols

At present time, there are no mask, vaccination or testing requirements in place to participate in the ACVIM Forum, however masks are recommended. Safety protocols are subject to change at any time and the ACVIM may require attendees to wear masks to participate in the conference based on transmission levels at the time of the event. By registering for the ACVIM Forum, you understand and have agreed to comply with all the protocols adopted by the ACVIM. Additional information regarding the specific health and safety measures, and any necessary consents by you, will continue to be communicated to participants prior to the first day of the ACVIM Forum.

SAFETY AND TRAVEL TIPS

Remove your conference badge when out and about to avoid sharing your personal information with strangers.



Safety in numbers: Grab a friend or colleague while exploring the city. Walk in well-lit areas; use main streets and avoid shortcuts through alleys.

AS AN INDIVIDUAL TRAVELING

TO A LARGE CITY, THERE ARE SEVERAL

SAFETY MEASURES YOU CAN TAKE

TO HELP ENSURE YOUR TRIP IS **SAFE AND ENJOYABLE**

Be conscious of your belongings. Keep personal/valuable items in your hotel safe or close at hand.

Don't walk alone after dark; use a reliable ride service such as Lyft, Uber or a cab.



Trust your instincts; if something doesn't feel right, you can always walk into a business/hotel for help.

Walk with purpose and project an assertive and business-like manner. Criminals will be discouraged if you do not appear vulnerable or easily intimidated.



Familiarize yourself with the area and keep the address and phone number of where you're staying in your phone in case you find yourself turned around.

Pickpockets are often attracted to crowded places and might work in teams of two or three; one may create a distraction while the other one lifts your wallet. Be aware of someone who bumps, shoves or gets too close.

Be aware of your surroundings. Keep your eyes up and not on your phone and avoid wearing headphones, as this can make you an easy target.



Learn to carry your purse or wallet safely. Purses should be closed, held in front of your body, with your arm across it. Wallets should be carried in a front pants pocket or in an interior jacket pocket. Do not hang bags or personal items on the back of chairs or out of your sight.

Your safety should always be your top priority when traveling. By taking these steps and being vigilant, you can help ensure a safe and enjoyable trip. In an emergency always dial 911.