



Don't be Julia & George

Julia & George didn't make any plans for their arrival. They thought they'd decide what to do at the airport. When they arrived, their phones didn't work and all the buses were full. They had to sleep at the airport and then pay a lot of money to take a taxi to their employer. Then, they had to pay a lot of money for a hotel because they had no plan for finding housing.



Don't be Andy

Andy used the Work and Travel program as a way to get to the U.S. to live with his American girlfriend in Chicago. He was supposed to work in Maryland, but when he didn't show up, his employer called ERDT. ERDT terminated Andy's visa for not working at his assigned employer for at least 3 weeks. To avoid detention and deportation by U.S. Immigration, Andy now has to go home just 1 week after his arrival.

Be John!



John paid attention at the orientation and read his handbook carefully. He had a good plan for traveling to his employer and finding housing, and brought plenty of money to the U.S. for emergencies. He followed the easy rules for communicating with ERDT all summer. He decided to find a 2nd job, so he followed the simple instructions on the ERDT website. John had a problem with one paycheck, so he contacted ERDT, who helped him solve the problem. At the end of his program, he used the money he earned to travel to New York and buy gifts for his family.



Don't
be
Alex.

Alex thought that ERDT wouldn't find out if he got a 2nd job. Even though the process for requesting a 2nd job is easy, he didn't follow it. Then Alex and his friend got in a fight, and the friend told ERDT that Alex had a 2nd job. Now Alex's program is terminated and has to fly home 2 months early.

Don't be Anna



Anna arrived in the U.S. and got settled in her job and housing. She started forgetting to check her email because she was so busy with friends and work. After she did not check her email for one month, she was terminated for not responding to emails from ERDT. Now Anna has to fly home early.

Don't be Jon



Jon finished his working period in the U.S. and decided to travel during the 30 day grace period. His insurance only covered his program dates but Jon didn't want to pay to extend his insurance. Then he slipped while hiking in Yellowstone National Park and broke his ankle. He had to be taken to the hospital by helicopter and now owes \$50,000 in medical fees. If he doesn't pay, he will never be allowed back to the U.S. and could face penalties in his home country.

Don't be Lily



Lily had the opportunity to reserve safe, convenient housing while she was still in her home country, but she heard from her friends that she could find housing that was \$15 cheaper, once she arrived in the U.S. When Lily arrived, she could not find any housing and slept at the bus stop. A woman at the bus stop told Lily that she would help her find housing. Lily got in the woman's car to see the housing, but the woman had a gun and stole all of Lily's money.

Don't be Max



Max and his U.S. co-workers decided to shoplift from the store where they worked. They would pretend to sell things to each other but not charge any money. Max's U.S. co-workers were charged with a small crime and only had to pay a fine. But because Max was an international student, he was held in jail for several weeks. Finally the court decided he should return to his home country, and could never to come back to the U.S. in his life.

Don't be Maya



Maya decided to try to save money by sleeping on a bare mattress rather than spending \$10 on a set of sheets at Walmart and \$0.25 per week to launder them. Due to an allergy to the mattress materials, she got a skin rash that lasted her entire summer, and she lost her \$100 security deposit because her mattress was stained with sweat at the end of the summer.

Be Kristina!



When Kristina arrived in the U.S., her employer said that he would only give her 20 hours per week all summer. Kristina contacted ERDT immediately, who spoke to the employer and had him correct her hours to 32 per week. But she still really didn't like the job. She remembered 2 of ERDT's rules: that she had to work for this employer for 3 weeks, and that she could not move to a big city for work. After she had worked for 3 weeks, she found a new job in a nearby town. She followed the procedure on ERDT's website for requesting a job change, and is very happy now!