



All the news about rising street crime, bankruptcies and closing down of hotels and casinos in recent years have scared me away from AC. However, I recall as a kid how much fun it was in the 1940s and 50s. Steel Pier, Miss America, sunny beaches, the Boardwalk and salt water taffy. Do you think it's ok to visit now with grandkids? *RLB. Philadelphia PA*

A: Despite the closing down of some casino hotels and other issues, Atlantic City is safe enough for savvy visitors. To be most secure for you and grandkids, do Boardwalk strolls and beach time during the day. Walk in well-lighted areas at night, and during day nor night, don't wander into the residential areas beyond the Boardwalk.