

Utilize your resources/cell phone

Cindy signed up for her first traveling assignment. She had waited for 2 years for the courage to travel, before finally taking her first step. As she looked into her future, her outlook seemed totally different. Life was unknown and exciting. For the first time in a long time, she felt hopeful and had something to look forward to.

Although, Cindy was excited, she had several questions about how to go about leaving her home. For example, would she use a cell phone or get new service in her apartment at her assignment? When she called her cell phone company, they told her that changing her number to a local number would require her to extend her contract with them. She already disliked being bound by a contract.

Luckily, Cindy worked with several travelers in her department. She asked them what they do with their phone. Most of them traveled with only a cell phone and no land line, unless they needed internet access. They also said, they seldom change the phone number on the cell phone to the local area. Instead, they keep their home number so it is always the same and their loved ones can call them without paying. They also make sure to get unlimited long distance on their phone so they don't have to worry about how many long distance calls they make.

Cindy was lucky to have such great resources to talk to. Many of the travelers she knew even agreed to keep in touch with her on her cell phone while she traveled. "A cell phone really does help you stay connected", she said as she slipped the phone into her purse. Cindy knows how to ask for help and utilize her resources, as most nurses do.