



UC Irvine

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SAFETY TIPS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

Summer safety is all about being proactive against crimes like burglaries, package thefts, and vehicle break-ins. While you enjoy the warmer months, use these essential tips to safeguard your personal safety and property.

Personal Safety:

1. **Be Aware of Your Surroundings:** Know exactly where you are and where you are heading. Stay alert to any suspicious people or vehicles.
2. **Be Seen in the Dark:** People are much more active in the summer and tend to stay out later. Although the days are longer, wear reflective clothing or accessories to be seen at dusk or after dark.
3. **Report Suspicious Activity:** Act as the eyes and ears of your community. If you see anything suspicious, report it immediately to the Irvine Police at 949-724-7000.

Home Safety:

1. **Lock Everything:** Ensure all doors and windows are securely locked, even if you are just stepping out for a short while. Never leave the garage open when unattended.
2. **Deter Intruders:** Ensure your property is well-lit. Motion-sensor lights are preferred.
3. **Limit Your Social Media Footprint:** Wait until you return home to post your vacation and travel pictures to avoid drawing attention to your empty home.
4. **Make an Empty Home Appear Occupied or Consider Someone Staying There:** When traveling, have a trusted person pick up your mail and packages, manage the trash bins, and use smart timers to turn interior lights on and off at random times so your home looks lived in.

Travel Safety:

1. **Secure Your Vehicle:** Always lock your vehicle and roll up all windows, even for a quick errand. Park in a well-lit, high-traffic area when possible.
2. **Remove It or Lose It:** Conceal items like purses, wallets, or digital devices in your vehicle before you arrive at your next destination. These valuables are an open invitation to vehicle burglars.

We hope you enjoy a joyful and worry-free summer season. By keeping these proactive safety habits in mind, you can protect yourself and your neighborhood from opportunistic crimes.

In an emergency, dial **911**. Report crime and suspicious behavior to the UC Irvine Police Department at **949-824-5223**.
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