



South Gate Police Department

Summer Safety Tips



Home Safety Tips

- Be aware of what's happening in the neighborhood. You can use websites like the CrimeReports.com to stay up-to-date regarding home and vehicle burglaries near your home, and make sure you talk to your neighbors and participate in neighborhood watch to stay informed.
- Lock your doors, including the garage door. Unlocked doors are open invitations to intruders.
- Ask a family member, friend or neighbor to keep a watchful eye on your home or have your mail held at the local post office until your return.
- Put lights on timers to give the impression that someone is home.
- Don't post on social media that you are leaving town. Wait to post photos until after you return from your trip.

Vacation Tips

- Lock your hotel room and remember not to give out your room number or invite strangers into your hotel room.
- Be friendly but be vigilant. Watch for and report any suspicious behavior.
- Plan your route; stay within well-traveled routes and walk in groups. There's safety in numbers.
- Keep your belongings secure: Purses should be securely closed, backpacks kept zipped and wallets placed in your front pocket. When dining in restaurants, do not hang your purse or backpack on the back of your chair.

Tips for Parents

- Be proactive. Make a backup plan in case the group gets separated during a family outing and have a scheduled meeting place and time.
- If your teen will be alone a significant amount of time, have him/her check in with you if they plan to leave the house and when they arrive back home.
- Monitor Internet and social media activity to establish children and teens are visiting appropriate sites and following guidelines.

Car Safety Tips

- Always lock your doors and roll up your windows when you leave your car.
- Do not leave valuables in the car. If you must leave items in your vehicle, keep them out of sight or hidden in the trunk.
- Before you get into your car, check the backseat and around the car. Lock your doors once inside the car.

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