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How to Stay Safe in the Summer

School's out for summer! During the summer season, we find ourselves away from our homes more often, either on vacation or just gone from our homes on a day trip. Crime, however, doesn't take a vacation! Here are some tips to keep your home – and your vehicle – protected while you are home, away from your home, and while you are on vacation:

While you are home:

- Make sure you have motion lights around the perimeter of your home
- While sleeping, keep all doors and windows locked
- Don't open the door without knowing who is on the other side

While you are away:

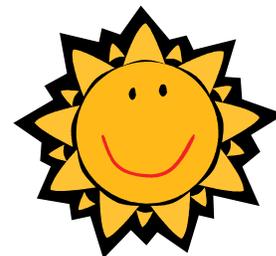
- Keep **all** doors and windows locked
- Make sure your landscape is properly maintained for good visibility
- Keep your property well lit – outside as well as inside

While you are on vacation:

- Keep all doors and windows locked
- Inform as few people as possible of your vacation plans. Don't post your vacation plans on social networking sites
- Ask a trusted neighbor to collect your mail and newspapers, and occasionally park their vehicle in your driveway
- Use automatic timers for lights and a radio to simulate occupancy

Vehicle Security:

- Make sure your doors are locked and **all** windows are closed and latched
- Don't forget to lock tailgates, truck/shell covers or tool/storage boxes
- Do not have visible property inside your vehicle – this includes phone charging cords, backpacks, loose change, and your GPS
- Always park in well-lighted areas



Save the Date – National Night Out is August 5, 2014!

On Tuesday, August 5, 2014, residents in Costa Mesa are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 31st annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Costa Mesa Police Department, will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 371 million people are expected to participate in “America’s night out against crime”.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and send a message to criminal letting them know that Costa Mesa residents are organized and fighting back!

This year’s event will once again be held from 5pm – 8pm in the Target parking lot, located at 3030 Harbor Blvd., in Costa Mesa. Target is a national corporate sponsor for this event, and helps support this event by donating raffle prizes and supplying volunteers to help make this event a success!

Our event will include police and fire displays, food, raffle prizes, a coloring contest for the kids, and plenty of information on how to keep your homes and neighborhoods safe! McGruff, the crime dog, will also be joining us. And look for the big red backpack in the parking lot – it has a message for everyone!

Come join the Police Department in ‘Giving Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party’!

