SIX STEPS FOR A SAFER SUMMER VACATION

Before you pack your bags, take a few simple measures to keep your family and home safe.

SCHEDULE A VACATION CHECK
Call the Sheriff's Department at 909-595-2264 to request free periodic security checks of your home while you are away. Checks include visual inspection of doors and windows for signs of forced entry, and collection and disposal of unsolicited commercial flyers left on driveways and porches.

PACK ONLY THE ESSENTIALS
Choose an inconspicuous suitcase or travel bag, and pare down your wallet or purse contents so that you only take the essentials - identification and payment method (travelers checks or credit cards), and only a small amount of cash. Always keep your valuables well hidden in your person, rather than in your luggage.

SECURE AND LIVED-IN APPEARANCE
Close and lock all doors and windows, and activate your security system, but also give your home a "lived-in" look. Do this by stopping newspaper and mail deliveries, setting timers for lights and radios so that they turn on and off at appropriate times, and leaving a car in your driveway.

LEARN ABOUT DESTINATION SPOT
Go beyond weather, dining and sightseeing when researching your vacation location. If traveling out of the country, become familiar with laws and protocols, foreign currency, transportation options and areas that may be dangerous or best avoided. If needed, ask the hotel concierge for guidance.

DON'T ANNOUNCE YOU'RE AWAY
Using social media to announce your plans or post real-time updates is not recommended because it advertises that you are away from home and for how long. A better option is to save your photos and videos and share once you return home. The same applies to "checking in" to locations.

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH HOTEL
When arriving at your hotel, locate the fire escapes, elevators and nearest phones, and consider the most direct route to and from your room. Inside your room, lock up your valuables in the safe, and arrange your belongings in a manner that will make it easy to know if something is missing.

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