



# San Dimas Sheriff's Station

## Neighborhood Watch News

### Vacation Security

**Vacation is a time for fun and relaxation. Don't let yours be ruined by crime. Follow the crime prevention tips below.**

#### ***BEFORE LEAVING....***

- Fill out a vacation patrol request from the sheriff's department and bring it by the sheriff's station.
- Install good locks on all doors and windows, and USE THEM!
- Never leave your house key hidden outside under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the ledge of a door.
- Make your house appear "lived in." Use timers for lights and radios. Have a neighbor or friend pick up mail, packages and newspapers, and keep the lawn mowed and watered.
- Leave your trip plans and an emergency phone number with trusted neighbors.

#### ***ON THE ROAD***

- Never carry large amounts of cash; use traveler's checks.
- Keep a record of traveler's checks numbers and your credit card numbers in a safe place.

#### ***CAR SECURITY***

- Always lock valuables out of sight, preferable in the trunk.
- Always lock your car after entering or leaving it.

#### ***MARK YOUR PROPERTY***

Like your TV, VCR, stereo and other belongings at home, Camping equipment is also vulnerable to theft, especially when left in the open.

- Mark all your belongings with your California driver license number and keep a record of equipment.
- Carry a spare lock so you can use storage containers available at many parks.
- Use locking racks for sports equipment.
- Use a chain and lock to secure propane tanks, portable generators and spare tires.

#### ***BIKE THEFT***

Unfortunately, many bikes are stolen each year. However, steps can be take to prevent bike theft and help recover those that are stolen.

- Don't leave bikes laying out in the front yard or leaning up against a house or building.
- Always lock bikes with a secure lock even if only leaving it for a short time.
- Write down the serial number of all the bikes your family has and keep it in a safe place along with a picture of the bike.

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