

Know How To Vacation Safely



Before You Leave

- ✿ Make sure all doors & windows are securely locked.
- ✿ Stop your mail & newspaper (or ask a trusted neighbor to pick them up daily).
- ✿ Arrange to have the driveway & sidewalk shoveled.
- ✿ Put timers on your lights, TV or radio to turn them on & off at appropriate times each day.
- ✿ Notify a relative or trusted neighbor that you are leaving. Ask them to keep an eye on your home.
- ✿ If you will be gone longer than 7 days, call the police department at 861-9800 to sign up for the Vacation Home Check program. (Once a week, Police Reserves attempt to check homes of residents who are out-of-town and have signed up for the program.)
- ✿ Call the Police department and advise them when you return home.

Pack Against Crime

- ◆ Use traveler's checks or credit cards instead of cash whenever possible.
- ◆ Carry your wallet in an inside front pocket or a concealed money pouch.
- ◆ Don't weigh yourself down with excess bags, pack only what you need.
- ◆ Use your business address on luggage tags.
- ◆ Put an additional identification label inside your luggage in case the exterior tag is lost.

At The Airport

- ➔ Watch your possessions carefully in crowded areas as they are prime hunting grounds for pickpockets.
- ➔ Never ask a stranger to watch your luggage.
- ➔ Be alert and organized.
- ➔ Avoid displaying expensive items such as cameras, jewelry, or designer luggage that may draw attention to you. Your aim is to blend in with the crowd.

At The Hotel

- Enter your hotel from the main entrance.
- Never open your hotel room to a stranger. If a visitor claims to be a hotel employee, call the front desk and ask for verification.
- Keep your room key concealed. Avoid displaying it in public places.
- Use the hotel safe deposit box to store valuables.
- Make sure the hotel has a policy of never giving out anyone's room number.