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# TIP OF THE WEEK

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### SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Summer brings warmer weather, longer days, outdoor activities and, unfortunately, an increase in theft and burglaries. There are some ways you can help prevent these crimes in your communities.

- **Keep vehicles locked** with the windows up at all times, even when parked at home. Remove all valuables including purses, cell phones, laptop computers, gym bags, briefcases etc.
- **Avoid Home Improvement scams.** Beware of anyone offering to perform an unscheduled home repair or asking to gain entry into your home. Ask for identification, contact the company they say they work for to verify employment and ask for authorization for them to be at your property. Never agree to pay for home improvement services until the work has been completed. Don't sign home improvement contracts without reading the entire contract carefully and discussing anything that isn't clear with the company and trusted family members or friends.
- **Keep doors closed and locked.** This includes garages, sheds and patio doors. Burglaries from open garages, sheds and residences are more prevalent in summer months and often occur while the homeowner is outside in the backyard.
- **Unattended bicycles should always be locked to something sturdy.** Remember when you stop to rest, eat, or use restroom facilities, to take a few moments to secure your bicycle.
- **Vacation plans?** Have a trusted neighbor or friend pick up your mail. Set inside lights on a timer. Set your home alarm. Use a home security camera so you can check in while you are away. Have a neighbor keep an eye on your house and make sure to leave a contact phone number for them to reach you in case of an emergency.

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Taking some simple steps now and throughout the summer months can reduce the risk of crime in your neighborhood.

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