



HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



CRIME PREVENTION TIP

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TO: Crime Prevention Program Participants
FROM: Deputy Stephen Wilbanks
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Vacation season is here, so now is a good time for a few vacation crime prevention reminders.

Prior to leaving your home

- 1) Notify family or friends of your destination and departure & return dates. Leave them your emergency contact information.
- 2) Ensure that your home is secure. Double check all windows & doors. Disengage your automatic garage door opener and physically lock it in the down position. Close the window blinds so a potential burglar can't see into the windows.
- 3) Have a trusted neighbor keep an eye on your house. Make sure they know if others will be stopping by to care for pets, house sit, etc. and give them their vehicle descriptions.
- 4) If you leave a key with anyone, take into account not only whether or not they are a trustworthy person, but consider who else might have access to that key as a result (i.e. teenage children and others in the same household).
- 5) If you have an alarm system, create a temporary access code for those who might be stopping by, and cancel it as soon as you return. Do not give out your primary code.
- 6) Arrange for lawn care, stop mail & newspaper delivery or have a neighbor pick it up daily, and use timers on various lights or even a TV or radio; all of this helps give your house the appearance of being occupied.

Next week we'll follow up with a few tips on safe travel while on the road.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

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