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know!

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Summer Safety While Traveling

Summer is here and so is your long awaited vacation. The kids are out of school, you have your reservations made, your airline tickets in hand, but have you made the proper precautions for your home? There are many things to take into consideration when you are leaving your home for any period of time. Especially so if you will be gone for extended periods of time. This summer we want you to be prepared before you go on that weekend away or vacation abroad. There are many things you can do to your home to protect it.

1) Sign up for a vacation home check. This is a free service from the San Ramon Police Department. It is as simple as filling out a form. Once this form is turned in we will periodically check on your home while you are away. You can find this form here:

<http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/police/documents/patvacrequest.pdf>

2) Make sure all your doors and windows are locked, your alarm is on and a trusted neighbor or friend has a key in case of any emergency.

3) Put a hold on newspaper and mail service OR better yet, have a trusted neighbor pick these items up for you. This prevents your name and address from being on any type of list.

4) If you normally park in the driveway, ask a neighbor to occupy that spot in your absence so it still give the appearance that someone is home.

5) Put outdoor, indoor lights and even your TV on timers. This way your home looks lit up just as if you were home. Your home will look lived in and occupied and unattractive to the local intruder.

6) DON'T advertise your absence especially on social media sites. You never know who can or will see it. Make sure a select few trusted people and neighbors know that can keep an eye on your home and call in any suspicious activity.

7) If you are taking a road trip keep an emergency road kit in the trunk of your car with flares, jumper cables and other necessities. We also recommend a first aid kit, good supply of water, snacks and blankets just in case.

8) If you are traveling with children, make sure you bring updated photos of them in case you get separated. Make sure you talk as a family and go over what to do in case they get lost or separated from you. Make sure they know who to call in case of an emergency.

9) Never leave with valuables. Make sure you lock them up in a safe storage place, like a safe deposit box at the bank or a safe.

10) If traveling with lots of cash, wear a money belt, never carry lots of cash in a purse.

11) NEVER put your full address on your luggage tag. Just contact phone numbers. No need to publicize your address to everyone who comes in contact with your luggage. If it gets in the wrong hands, they will know exactly where to go!

Always better to be safe than sorry. Start packing and making the proper precautions to protect your home and valuables before you go. This will not only give you peace of mind while you are gone, you will enjoy your vacation more knowing you did everything you could to protect your home. Have fun and be safe.

TO REPORT A CRIME

EMERGENCY

9-1-1

Non- Emergency

(925) 973-2779

Abandoned Vehicles

(925) 973-2700

Neighborhood Watch

(925) 973-2720

To report other miscellaneous complaints to the Police Department or other offices in the city try our website at :

<http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/police/online.htm>

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CITY WIDE-PROPERTY CRIME STATISTICS FOR JAN 2016 – May 2016

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL BY TYPE</u>
Stolen Vehicles	30
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	15
Auto Burglaries	116
Commercial Burglaries	22
Residential Burglaries	22
Grand/Petty Thefts	228

**American Red Cross HOME POOL SAFETY**

Millions of us enjoy warm weather every year by swimming in our backyard pools and relaxing in hot tubs. Tragically though, over 200 young children drown in backyard swimming pools each year. The American Red Cross suggests owners make pool safety their priority by following these guidelines:

- Secure your pool with appropriate barriers. Completely surround your pool with a 4-foot high fence or barrier with a self-closing, self-latching gate.
- Place a safety cover on the pool or hot tub when not in use and remove any ladders or steps used for access. Consider installing a pool alarm that goes off if anyone enters the pool.
- Keep children under active supervision at all times. Stay in arm's reach of young kids. Designate a responsible person to watch the water when people are in the pool—never allow anyone to swim alone. Have young or inexperienced swimmers wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Ensure everyone in the home knows how to swim well by enrolling them in age-appropriate water orientation and learn-to-swim courses available through the City of San Ramon Parks and Recreation or your local Red Cross.
- Keep your pool or hot tub water clean and clear. Maintain proper chemical levels, circulation and filtration. Regularly test and adjust the chemical levels to minimize the risk of earaches, rashes or more serious diseases.
- Establish and enforce rules and safe behaviors, such as “no diving,” “stay away from drain covers,” “swim with a buddy” and “walk please.”
- Ensure everyone in the home knows how to respond to aquatic emergencies by having appropriate safety equipment and taking water safety, first aid and CPR courses available from the Red Cross or San Ramon Valley Fire Department.

The American Red Cross and National Swimming Pool Foundation® have partnered to create an online Home Pool Essentials course that describes steps home pool owners can take to prevent tragedy and keep a well maintained pool or hot tub. The course is available at www.HomePoolEssentials.org. Stay pool safe and cool this summer!

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