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## SUMMER & VACATION TIPS



### Necessary Precautions to Having an Enjoyable Summer

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Don't make the same mistakes that a lot of vacationers make when leaving their home. The key to having a great vacation is coming home and finding everything just as they were left.

In order to be confident in your leave, make the necessary preparations in insuring that you, your home and your family are safe prior, during, and after your vacation.

This newsletter will give you some vacation and Summer tips that will guide you into the right direction for a cautious, safe and memorable Summer.

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#### Smart Summer Choices

- ◆ Be sure to wear the proper sport accessories such as bicycle and motorcycle helmets
- ◆ Consult your local Pharmacist for tips on using the proper sunscreen
- ◆ Be sure to stay hydrated with plenty of water
- ◆ Check on any elderly relatives or close associates on a regular basis
- ◆ When engaging in nightly summer activities near traffic, be sure to wear reflective gear or bright clothing
- ◆ Always have a first-aid kit handy and all emergency phone numbers visible
- ◆ In case of a fire, create a exit map for your family to escape the fire unharmed, include a meeting location to insure that your family meets at the same location and that everyone is accounted for as quickly as possible
- ◆ The sun's rays are strongest between the hours of 2pm & 4pm remember to wear a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses if you are planning to be out during that time
- ◆ Be sure to wear your seat belt

### Making Smart Choices and Playing it Safe, Can Save You From a Possible Burglary while you are Away

#### Smart Vacation Tips

- ◆ Be sure to use interior and exterior lights that are on a timer while you are away
- ◆ Have all of your mail held at the post office for pick up, to avoid a massive amount of visible mail on your porch or in your mailbox; visible to possible burglars
- ◆ Request a temporary stop on your newspaper deliveries
- ◆ Store valuables safely. Consider the use of a safe deposit box
- ◆ Don't broadcast your trip, be sure to have a neighbor or close relative keep an eye on your home
- ◆ Mark luggage with your business address, to deter burglars from locating your unoccupied home
- ◆ Avoid leaving spare keys outside of your home

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