



Board of County Commissioners • Criminal Justice Liaison

Summer Safety

Each year we look forward to relaxing, summer activities — holiday celebrations, backyard barbeques, family vacations, etc. And when we are relaxed, we may not be as attentive to our surroundings as we could be and criminals could take advantage of the situation. This summer let's teach children how to be safe.

Neighborhood Safety:

Pick a safe house where your children can go if they need help. Also, point out other safe places such as libraries, police stations, fire stations and similar locations.

Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood, so they aren't too far away or playing in dangerous areas. Children shouldn't play in abandoned structures, or alleys, and you may not want them spending time in certain homes.

Get to know the neighbors and their children, so you can look out for one another and be aware of suspicious or unusual behavior in the neighborhood.

Personal Safety: Remind your children that teasing/taunting is hurtful and it can create enemies. Teach children to settle arguments with words instead of fighting. Be sure children know what to do if they are confronted by a bully or observe bullies taunting someone else.

Travel Safety:

Don't flash large amounts of cash or wear really expensive jewelry. Place valuables in an in-room safe or use the hotel's safe deposit box.

Don't answer the door in a hotel or motel room without verifying who it is. Call the front desk if someone claims to be hotel staff and find out who was sent to your room and why.

Board of County Commissioner goals are to reduce property crime, violent crime and overall crime by 2015. These tips are intended to increase your awareness and help you avoid crime. If you have a proven prevention or awareness tip that can be shared, please fax it to 813-276-2630 for consideration and possible distribution. If you have questions regarding this tip, please call 813-276-2888.

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While you are in the room, close the door and use all of the locks. Also be sure that connecting doors, windows, and sliding glass doors are locked.

Use the main entrance if you are returning to your hotel late or leaving early. If you see anyone loitering or anything suspicious report it to the front desk immediately.