

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS  
ACTIVITIES TO THE POLICE  
DIAL 911 or 385-5000**

- Going door-to-door in a residential area, especially if one or more persons go to the rear of the residence.
- Waiting or loitering in front of a house or business, if the business is closed or the house is unoccupied. Forcing entrance, or entering your neighbor's house, when it is unoccupied.
- Person running, especially if something of value is being carried.
- Persons loitering around school, park or secluded areas.
- Persons loitering around cars or going car-to-car peering into them, especially in parking lots or on streets.
- Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle.
- Property in homes, garages or storage areas is suspicious if accumulations are large, or items are in good conditions but not in use.
- Property offered for sale at a very low price.
- Property in vehicles that are not normally found in vehicles (television sets, stereos, guns or auto parts), especially if observed at an unusual hour.
- Property carried by persons on foot, especially suspicious at an unusual hour or unusual place. Very questionable if a person is running and property is unwrapped.

**Remember - by paying attention to your surroundings, reporting suspicious activity and making good crime prevention choices where your property is concerned, you can eliminate the opportunity for crime to occur.**

**MAKE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE  
CHOICES ON YOUR VACATION!**



For information on this or any other Crime Prevention topic, please contact:

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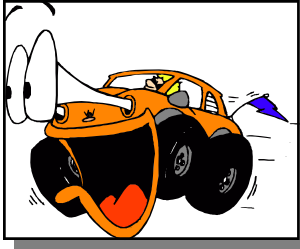
**VIRGINIA BEACH  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**



**SUMMER  
VACATION  
SAFETY**

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Non Emergency Tel: 385-5000**

# SUMMER VACATION SAFETY



## Vehicle Safety Tips

Larceny from vehicle is one of the major offenses in a vacation area. The majority of these types offenses occur from unlocked vehicles or where valuables have been left in plain view. High theft items include GPS systems, cell phones, MP3 Players, and lap top computers.

Park your car as close to your destination as possible and in a well-lighted space. Be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and place all valuables in the trunk or hide them out of plain view (on the floorboard, under a blanket or clothes, etc).

Many people will leave their vehicles running in front of stores and homes. Never leave your vehicle running while unattended. This is an open invitation for your vehicle to be stolen.

## Rental Property

Vacation is a time when we all want to relax; however, security should not be forgotten while we are on vacation. Log all serial numbers and take digital pictures of your valuables for your personal records. Following a few simple crime prevention rules will keep your property safe and your vacation fun and enjoyable.



Remember to always lock your doors and windows when leaving your property.

Secure all property outside of the home such as bicycles, golf carts, surfboards, kayaks, etc. It is preferable these be locked in an indoor space such as a garage or shed.

When on the property it is still important to remember to secure the doors. Many times people will leave the garage open while at home. If you are not in sight of the area, secure the doors. It only takes a second for a thief to enter an open garage and make off with your belongings or gain access to your home.



## Beach Safety

Never leave valuables unattended on the beach. Items such as cameras, MP3 players, and cell phones are easily picked up by the would be thief when left unattended.

Take turns swimming so that there is always someone attending to your belongings.

There are also many types of water tight containers you can purchase at your local dive shop that will allow you to take your money and valuables with you while you swim. If you are alone, a dry bag will keep electronics from getting wet, thus allowing you to swim without worrying that your items will be stolen in your absence.