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### Summer Safety Tips from the West Orange Police Department

West Orange police want to remind everyone of some basic crime prevention tips to help ensure that you and your house are as safe this summer as possible.

- Lock your doors and windows. Whenever you leave your house be sure that it is secure. Keep all doors and windows locked. Make sure that garage doors go down and stay down prior to leaving your driveway. If you are in your back yard doing yard work you should make sure that garage doors and front doors are secure. Many burglars take advantage of unsecured points of entry.
- Keep your vehicle locked. Make sure that windows are closed, doors are locked and sunroofs are closed. Take items of value out of your vehicle when you're not in it.
- Keep your home safe. Install motion detectors. Keep exterior lights on throughout the night. Not only is it a good deterrent but helps public safety personnel locate your home quickly during a night time emergency. Set interior lights on timers. A dark house is a clear indication that no one is home.
- Stay vigilant at public pools. If you are in the pool and your wallet, purse, phone or cash is still sitting with your towel, you are inviting someone to walk up and take them. Keep track of your personal items at all times.
- Have a plan when leaving for vacation. If you are leaving your house for a length of time try and have a plan to keep your house safe. Ask a neighbor to get your mail or pick up your newspaper. Make sure your house is secure and your alarm system is set. Leave a key with a trusted neighbor or local friend that can check on things while you are away. Have a lawn service or neighbor mow your lawn.
- Be careful about posting on social media. If you post on a social media website that you will be out of town for a week, that is an invitation to a criminal. Use privacy settings if you are planning to share vacation updates.
- Be a good neighbor and alert West Orange police to any unusual activity in your neighborhood. Emergency call 911. Non-emergency call 973-325-4000.

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