



Holiday Safety Tips

During the Holiday Season, Dana Point Police Services wants to assure your personal safety and the protection of your valuables. You and your family will be less vulnerable to theft by following these tips:

Vehicle Safety

- Always lock your car doors, roll up the windows, and take your keys with you. Thefts from unlocked vehicles are the most common crime in our community. Thieves often go from car to car, checking the doors, and will move on if yours is locked.
- Do not leave any valuables in your car. If you must leave items like gifts, purses, cell phones, computers, etc., conceal them from view, or lock them in your trunk.
- Park in open, well-lit, populated areas. Parking in a garage or off the street is best in residential areas. Avoid parking near large trucks or vans that can obstruct visibility.
- Should a theft occur, report it immediately to the police.

Mail Theft

- Promptly collect delivered mail from your mailbox, especially when you are expecting personal items. Or ask a trusted neighbor or friend to gather your mail for you.
- If you plan on being away, ask your post office to hold your mail until you return. In addition, call Dana Point Police Services at (949) 248-3531 to request a home check.
- Avoid sending money or cash items in the mail.
- Do not place outgoing mail in an unsecured mailbox. Use a U.S. Postal Service mailbox, or hand your mail personally to your carrier.
- Before discarding mail with personal information on it, you should shred it first.
- Should you fail to receive an expected check or other valuable mail, contact the issuing agency immediately.

Please report any crimes or suspicious activity IMMEDIATELY to Sheriff's Dispatch:

9-1-1 Emergency **(949) 770-6011 Non-Emergency or to file a report**

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding crime, suspicious activity or traffic-related issues, please contact our Community Service Unit at (949) 248-3581 or visit us online at www.danapoint.org/policeservices.

A friendly reminder to... **Hide it. Lock it. Or Lose it.**