Vacation Safety Tips

Before You Leave...

• Don’t forget to lock your doors and windows behind you when you leave your house.

• Be careful about who you tell of your vacation plans or who may be listening when you are discussing the plans with someone else. This includes being aware of who may be watching as you load your luggage into the car.

• Remember, burglars find house keys easily when they are hidden under doormats, above the door ledge, or in a potted plant.

• Stop all deliveries while away, or better yet, allow the deliveries to continue and have a trusted neighbor pick up your newspapers and packages. (Sometimes delivery persons are less than honest or the information about your absence gets into the wrong hands.)

• Try to maintain the “lived in” look of your house while you are away. Use timers on lights and turn the ring tone down on your phones. (A ringing phone that goes unanswered can alert a burglar to the absence of any occupants inside the home.) Arrange for a trusted neighbor to do some yard upkeep or occasionally park a car in your driveway.

• Leave emergency contact numbers with someone you trust.

• You may call the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office at (928) 783-4427 and request an intensive (711) patrol of your home. The patrols are conducted by our Deputies. Keep in mind that these home checks are on a “as time permits basis”. In most cases, a good neighbor keeping an eye on your home is much more effective than any intermittent law enforcement patrol.

While Traveling...

• While traveling, don’t “flash” your cash. Use hotel safes for valuables, if available.

• While staying in a hotel room, familiarize yourself with the door locks and other safety features. The same applies to rental cars.

• Become informed about “bad” neighborhoods or other unsafe places you should avoid when visiting unfamiliar vacation spots.

• Always stay alert and aware of your surroundings.