

Community Connection



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Personal Safety

Personal safety focuses on situational awareness to recognize and possibly avoid harmful situations. Crime occurs when there is an opportunity, target or victim, and the desire to commit crime.

Protect yourself and your loved ones from potential danger by practicing personal safety:

- Stay alert and walk confidently
- Keep your hands free and avoid distractions while walking
- Be aware of your surroundings and observe people, vehicles, and the activity around you
- Know your location (direction of travel, cross streets, and major landmarks)
- Travel in well-lit and populated areas with a friend or with a group
- Avoid revealing personal information or specific travel plans/vacations on social media

Be aware. Be safe.



Community Update

CRIME TREND: Distraction Burglary



Burglars will use a variety of methods to avoid being noticed. Distraction burglars, on the other hand, will pretend to be someone they are not, utilize other means to create a distraction, or give you a false story to gain access into your home. While one person distracts you or lures you out of your home,

a second person enters your home and steals your money, jewelry, and any other valuables they may come across.

Common methods used by distraction burglars:

- Someone may claim to be from a reputable agency or utility company investigating a gas or water leak.
- A person might ask for help in finding their pet. They might say it jumped or ran into your backyard.
- A person might claim to have an emergency and need to go into your home or want to use your phone.
- Someone may offer to sell you jewelry and let you try on a necklace while removing your jewelry and stealing it.

How to prevent being a victim of a distraction burglar:

- Ask for I.D. and check with the company before letting someone into your home.
- If you are trying to verify the company, never use the contact number given by the person in question.
- Always make sure your back door is locked when answering your front door.
- Keep your keys, wallet, and important documents out of sight and in a safe place.

When in doubt, call our 24-hour dispatch center at (714) 741-5704 and remember, it is okay not to open the door to a stranger.

Garden Grove Police Department Programs

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Liaison Division remains committed to serving the community by offering virtual and now in-person crime prevention programs. We encourage residents to stay engaged to keep themselves and our communities safe.

The following programs are offered virtually and in person:

Community Programs

- Neighborhood Watch
- Personal Safety
- Traffic Safety
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety
- Car Seat Safety

Youth Programs

- Junior Neighborhood Watch
- Officer Friendly
- Child Safety & Stranger Danger
- Internet Safety
- Anti-Bullying
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Making Healthy Choices

To Connect With Us

Community Liaison Division
Email:

crimeprevention@ggcity.org

Community Liaison Division
Numbers:

(714) 741-5760 General Inquiries

(714) 741-5761 East

(714) 741-5762 West, Spanish

(714) 741-5763 Vietnamese

(714) 741-5592 Korean

Emergency:

9-1-1

Report a Non-Emergency Crime:

(714) 741-5704

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Preventing Heat Related Injuries

Heat related emergencies can strike anyone and at any time. Infants, young children, people 65 or older, those who have a mental or physical illness, and those with heart disease or high blood pressure have greater risk to heat injury and should be checked on often.

Heat injuries include sunburns, heat cramps, exhaustion, and heat stroke, which is a severe medical emergency that can be fatal.

Here are some tips to avoid heat injuries:

- Drink plenty of fluids, regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- Avoid caffeinated or sugary drinks and alcoholic beverages.
- Stay indoors or in a cool space. Use fans when air conditioning is not available.
- Wear lightweight, light colored, and loose fitting clothing.
- Never leave anyone, including animals, in a vehicle. Temperatures inside a vehicle can rise over 20 degrees compared to outside the vehicle. If you see a child or pet left unattended in a vehicle, call 911 immediately and wait for emergency services to arrive.
- Limit outdoor activities to the early morning or evening hours on a hot day.
- If you're outside on a hot day, try to rest often in shady or cool areas.
- Protect yourself from the sun by applying sunscreen, and wearing a brimmed hat and sunglasses.



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