

VEHICLE SAFETY



- Have your keys ready when approaching your vehicle.
- When stopped at a traffic light or in traffic, allow space between you and the vehicle in front of you so you can drive away if necessary.
- Never leave house keys attached to your key ring at service stations or parking facilities.
- If you are being followed do not drive home. Drive to an open business or call 9-1-1.
- If you see a stranded motorist don't stop to assist. Call the police for them.
- Any valuables in your vehicles should be kept out of sight.
- Be alert to your surroundings when parking and walking back to your vehicle.
- Always lock your doors and keep your windows rolled up.
- Always park in visible, well-lit areas.

WALKING/JOGGING SAFETY

- Walking in the middle of the sidewalk and walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Do not wear headphones.
- Walk with confidence and be alert to your surroundings.
- When walking or jogging avoid isolated areas.
- If walking or jogging at night choose a well lit path, carry a flashlight or wear reflective clothing.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SHERIFF

THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIFF DAVID B. SHOAR



Dear St. Johns County Resident,
The men and women of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office want to remind you that Personal Safety starts with you! Preparation and education are key elements to keeping yourself and your family safe. Become a tough target!
Your Sheriff, David B. Shoar

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VALUES: OUR CORE VALUES ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE: INTEGRITY,
TREATING PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT
MISSION: TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE VISION: BE THE BEST WE CAN BE, IN ALL WE DO

For more information on this or any of the other Community Programs offered by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office contact:

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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PERSONAL SAFETY



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The following tips may help you avoid becoming a victim of crime. By taking a few simple precautions, you can reduce the risk to yourself and also discourage those who commit crimes.

- Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Travel with a friend whenever possible.
- Walk in well-lighted areas at night.
- Walk confidently and at a steady pace.
- Make eye contact with people when walking.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable, leave immediately and get help.
- Do not indicate that you will be gone for a specific period of time on your home answering machine.
- Use only your last name and initials in telephone directories.
- Do not list your name on your mailbox.



SENIOR SAFETY

Seniors, protect yourselves from crime by following these simple suggestions:

- Keep your home well lit at night, inside and outside.
- Ask for proper identification from delivery men, utility workers or strangers.
- Never give your credit card, social security number or bank account information to anyone over the phone unless you have placed the call.
- If a stranger asks to use your phone, do not let them in. Offer to place the call for them.

HOME SAFETY

Simple home security techniques can help keep you safe.



- Always lock all doors and windows even when leaving the house for just a minute.
- Never leave a house key under a doormat or in a flowerpot. Crooks know just where to look.
- Exterior doors should have a deadbolt lock with a minimum one-inch throw in to the door frame.
- Sliding doors and windows should have ventilation locks as well as auxiliary locks to bolster security.
- Install a side-angle lens viewer in the front door.
- Always change the locks when you move into a new home.

The best crime prevention tool in any neighborhood is a good neighbor. To start a Neighborhood Watch in your area, contact the **St. Johns County Sheriff's Office at (904) 810-6694**.

REPORTING CRIME & SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Call the appropriate number, whether 9-1-1 for emergencies or (904) 824-8304 for non-emergencies.
- Briefly describe the event and state concisely what happened.
- State if the crime is in progress or if it has already happened.
- Provide a description of any suspects or vehicles.
- If the suspect or vehicle leaves the area, note which direction they headed and the approximate time.
- If the situation you reported changes before the deputy arrives, call back and provide updated information.

CHILD SAFETY

Take a moment and review the following safety tips with your child. These could help prevent your child from becoming a victim of crime.

Teach your child to:

- Call 9-1-1 in emergencies, including using a cell phone.
- Know his full name, address, home phone number including the area code and parents name.
- Never leave the house or yard without your permission.
- Always walk or play with friends.
- Come straight home from school unless you have made other arrangements.
- Never enter anyone's home without your prior approval.
- Never take anything like candy, ice cream or money from anyone unless you are there.
- Know which houses in your neighborhood you consider safe for your child to go to in case of an emergency.

