



Forsyth County Sheriff's Office

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Summer Safety and Crime Prevention Information

With the kids about to finish the school year and warmer temperatures already upon us, summer is just around the corner. The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office would like to take a minute to encourage everyone to have a happy and safe summer season.

This summer, many of you will take advantage of the sunny weather to do outdoor projects, take your families to fun locations such as Lake Lanier, amusement parks and maybe out of town and try to find ways to relax and keep cool. It's the season when most people take time off of work, because their kids are on summer vacation. For criminals and predators, however, it is a very active time of year.

When you load the family into the car and head out to a fun filled destination, always keep in mind that criminals may be sharing your day with you. By following a few simple outdoor safety tips you can do everything possible to avoid being victimized by predators who might be watching. Law breakers are always on the lookout for an easy target, so make sure you don't give them one.

Always lock your doors and roll up the windows when you leave your car. Thieves regularly patrol parking lots and try door handles to see if they will open. They are hoping for an unlocked vehicle that they can get into quickly and take anything that was left inside. You should always store valuable items in the trunk, so that a criminal does not see them and become tempted to break in.

While enjoying your day, keep a close eye on your entire family and everyone around you. Look for strangers who seem to be watching you or getting too close. They may be trying to determine if you have something they can take. Protect your loved ones and personal items carefully, and make sure no predator has a chance to steal from you.

When shopping, please be aware of your surroundings. Do not display large amounts of cash or credit cards. If possible please carry a small wallet with your cash and credit cards in your front pants pocket. If you must carry a purse, please carry one as small as possible.

Be very observant of any suspicious or criminal activity in and or around your subdivision. If you see any suspicious activity, please call 911 immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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