

## Vacation Safety Tips

Warm weather is upon us and soon many of us will be leaving our homes, headed out of town for a restful vacation. Before you go, please review the following tips that should help make your return less traumatic.

1. Remember to lock all doors and windows. Check a second time before pulling out of the driveway.
2. Leave all shades and blinds in their normal positions.
3. Advise a trusted neighbor of your travel plans and ask him or her to watch out for suspicious people and activity around your home and property.
4. Call the Greenville County Sheriff's Office at 271-5210 or Bravo-One at 409-0028 for a vacation house watch (extra Patrol). Provide them with emergency numbers, key holders and other security details and they will alert the patrol deputies to watch out for your property.
5. Don't allow deliveries of any kind to accumulate on your doorstep. If you do not wish to cancel deliveries, arrange for a neighbor to pick them up. Don't forget to have your mail held til your return or picked up by a neighbor.
6. Arrange for lawn mowing at proper times.
7. Connect one or two lamps and perhaps a radio to an automatic timer. They are inexpensive and help to make your home appear occupied.
8. Refrain from publicizing your exciting vacation or trip until after your return.

Have a great Spring and enjoy all the wonderful sights South Carolina and the surrounding area has to offer.