



## ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



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Thefts increase during the summer months and holiday seasons. Crime prevention programs can reduce crime and increase personal safety. Communities that practice awareness have reported a 47% decrease in thefts, credit card fraud and identity theft.

### **CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

Always lock your car and house, and take your keys with you, even if you are only away for a short time.

Do not take your remote or keyless entry fob to the beach. If your keys are stolen, perpetrators can easily locate your vehicle.

Hide valuables in your trunk and out of sight, including spare change, CDs and cell phones.

Use and activate anti-theft devices.

Never leave a key hidden on your vehicle. Criminals know where to look!

Never leave items unattended on the beach, even for a short amount of time.

Do not take items such as credit cards, checkbooks or social security cards to the beach. If stolen, your information may be fraudulently utilized and your identity may be stolen.

Never leave your bicycle unsecured. Secure it to a fixed object utilizing a case-hardened steel lock and cable. Use multiple locks, and never leave your bicycle parked outside overnight.

Never leave your child unattended, especially near or in the water.

Be mindful of your surroundings at all times. Report any suspicious activity or persons immediately.

Request Special Police Patrols of your home when you are out of town via the City's website at [www.iop.net](http://www.iop.net)

**CITY ORDINANCES PROHIBIT**

- Alcohol on the beach
- Glass on the beach
- Littering, including cigarette butts
- Motorized vehicles on the beach
- Overnight sleeping on the beach or in a vehicle
- Disturbing or removing wildlife or vegetation
- Walking in or on beach dunes
- Fires on the beach
- Individual fireworks anywhere
- Unleashed dogs except during designated hours
- Swimming or wading in Breach Inlet
- Abandoned items left on beach overnight – they may be removed
- Surfboards 100 feet of any swimmers or 200 feet of a pier
- Personal watercraft and motorboats operated in designated swimming areas
- Beaching personal watercraft and motorboats
- Not cleaning up after pets

The Isle of Palms Police Department is committed to public safety. We wish you an enjoyable and safe summer. Please call 843-886-6428 with any questions or concerns you may have.