



Laguna Hills Police Services

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The majority of crimes that occur in Laguna Hills are property crimes. Criminals are looking for an easy opportunity with the lowest risk; if you provide it, they will take it! In a safe community like ours, it's easy to forget to lock your car, lower your garage, or protect your valuables. These simple preventative steps can go a long way toward eliminating those opportunities and reducing the frequency of burglaries and thefts in our city.

Home Security

- Always lock your windows and doors when you go out, even if for only a few minutes.
- Keep the landscaping around your home trimmed down around doorways, windows, and light fixtures.
- Never leave a purse, wallet, or other valuables in plain sight.
- Keep your porch light on from dusk to dawn.
- Use several timers to turn on interior lights throughout your home. These timers should be used when you are both on vacation and at home.
- Give the same importance to garage doors as you would your front door. Make sure they are of a solid core construction and have a deadbolt lock .
- At night and when you are away from home, lock the garage door leading into your house.
- All sliding glass doors and windows should be equipped with anti-lift protection.
- To keep your valuables safe, consider using a safety deposit box at your local bank.
- Never leave a house key available under a doormat, in a flowerpot, or on the ledge of a piler.
 - These are the first places a burglar will look!
- If you will be away for several days, have a trusted friend or neighbor pickup your mail and paper.
- Never open your door to strangers. Talk through the door if you do not recognize the person.
- Be aware of people posing as service personnel attempting to gain access to your home.
 - Ask for identification and verify it by calling the company.
- Never let a stranger know you're home alone, whether the person is at your door or on the phone.
- Install security cameras.
- Connect your alarm system to all your home's doors and windows.
- Do not post that you are going on a trip for a period of time on social media.
- **Join Neighborhood Watch! The best crime prevention device ever invented is a good neighbor.**

Vehicle Security

- Park in open, well-lit, populated areas. In the neighborhoods, park in the garage or driveway.
 - Park your vehicle directly in front of your house if the garage or driveway is occupied.
- Install a locking fuel cap.
- Never leave your vehicle running while unattended.
- Do not leave doors unlocked or keys in the vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view.
- GPS devices, laptops, purses, wallets, cellphones, and chargers.
- Do not leave items with personal information in your vehicle.
- Do not leave the garage door opener in vehicle.
- If items are being left in your vehicle move them to the trunk.
 - Out of sight, out of mind.

Report suspicious people and activity.

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Non-emergency (949)770-6011
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