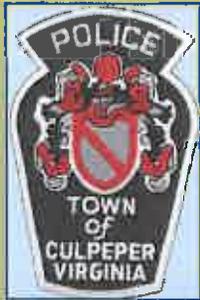


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Home Safety Tips for
Summer Travel

1. Hold Your Mail
2. Set timers on lights and electronics
3. Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on the property.
4. Avoid posting travel plans on social media
5. Get rid of the hidden spare key.

Drink Lots of Water!!!



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Summer Vacation Travel Tips

Vacation Safety Starts Before You Leave Home

- Make copies of all of your credit cards, important identification information, including your medical insurance cards, and your traveler's checks. Take one copy with you (pack it separately from the cards themselves) and leave one copy at home.
- Take only a little cash with you. Bring most of your money in the form of traveler's checks or plan to use your credit cards while on vacation.
- Never put your home address on your luggage tags. Write your phone number instead.
- Make sure all of the doors and windows to your home are secured and locked. If your home has an alarm system, arm it when you leave for your vacation.
- Never post your travel plans on social networks such as Facebook, MySpace or Twitter.
- Have your mail held at the post office and your newspaper delivery put on hold or ask a family member, a trusted friend or neighbor to pick those items up for you.
- Set automatic timers to turn your lights and a radio on and off.

What is the harm in leaving a child alone in the car?

Heat stroke (hyperthermia) is the biggest danger. Heat stroke can damage the brain and other body organs. It can even lead to death. It doesn't take long for a child's body temperature to become too high very fast when left in a car because:

- The temperature inside a car can increase 20 degrees in just 10 minutes and 40 degrees in an hour. It doesn't have to feel hot outside to be dangerous inside a car. Deaths have happened when it's just above 70 degrees F (Fahrenheit) outside. Leaving the windows open slightly does not prevent the temperature from rising to a dangerous level.
- A child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult's body. Children have a lot of body surface area that absorbs heat. Children's bodies have not yet developed the ability to cool down well.

Most of the children who have died from heat stroke after being left alone in a car were 3 and under, but it has happened to kids as old as 14.

Other risks of leaving a child alone in the car include being trapped in a trunk, setting the car in motion or being taken from the car.





Upcoming Events

- July 4—Independence Day
- July 12—Council Meeting
- July 21—Third Thursday
- July 23—Back To School Bash (Yowell Park)
- July 28—Brandy Station Parade
- August 2—National Night Out
- August 9 —First Day of School
- August 25—Joint Neighborhood Watch

For more information on pedestrian safety, go to NHTSA.gov/Pedestrians.



Law Updates for July 1, 2016

Several new laws were passed by the 2016 Session of the General Assembly that is likely to affect the daily lives of the citizens of Virginia. Complete information is available on the Legislative Information System (<http://lis.virginia.gov>)

Traffic Laws

Smoking in motor vehicles; presence of minor under age eight; civil penalty. The law provides that any person who smokes in a motor vehicle, whether in motion or at rest, when a minor under the age of eight is in the motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty of \$100. The offense may be charged on a uniform traffic summons form. The Law provides that such violation is a secondary offense.

Opening and closing motor vehicle doors. The law requires drivers to wait for a reasonable opportunity to open vehicle doors on the side adjacent to moving traffic. A violation constitutes a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.

Protective Order Violations

Protective orders; possession of firearms; penalty. The law provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person who is subject to a permanent protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) for family abuse to possess a firearm while the order is in effect. The law also provides that such person may continue to possess and transport a firearm for 24 hours after being served with the order for the purposes of selling or transferring the firearm to another person. Under current law, it is a Class 1 misdemeanor for a person subject to a protective order to purchase or transport a firearm.

Pedestrian Safety



Everyone has different preferences when it comes to transportation, but there's one that all road users share — everyone is a pedestrian. Unfortunately, pedestrians were one of the few groups of road user to experience an increase in fatalities in the United States in 2013, totaling 4,735 deaths. We are working hard to raise awareness of the dangers to pedestrians, and to provide leadership, expertise, and resources to communities across America to combat these crashes. We urge parents, caregivers, educators, traffic safety officials, and advocates to make the most of our pedestrian safety resources to improve the quality of life in their communities.