



## SUMMER SAFETY WITH THE SHERIFF

**DID YOU KNOW:** As the temperature rises during the summer months, typically so do crime rates! Higher temperatures, longer daylight hours, and increased foot traffic creates an increase in personal interactions and provides more opportunity for a crime to occur. Continue reading for ways we can help!

“I wanted to take a moment to emphasize ways we can all have a safe and fun summer,” says Sheriff Brian Spillman. “During the summer, we often let the breeze in through screen doors and windows in the evenings. We’re out doing yard work and other projects around the house. I encourage everyone to remember to pick up, put away, and lock up before going to bed each night. Items such as bicycles, lawn mowers, blowers, and other lawn care or household items are often attractive to burglars. Let’s not make it easy on them. Also, take advantage of Operation Vacation when you’re going to be out of town. We’ve had great success with this program.”

The West Feliciana Sheriff’s Office offers a free program called Operation Vacation where Deputies will make rounds past your home while you’re on vacation. This service is completely free for West Feliciana residents. Email us at [info@wfpso.org](mailto:info@wfpso.org) to sign up. Include your name, address, phone number, and vacation dates. We’ll contact you to confirm.

Besides the usual things like staying hydrated and wearing sunscreen, here are some proactive safety tips you can follow to keep your property safe when temperatures rise:

-Close and Lock Your Windows - Open doors and open windows are a prime entrance opportunity for potential burglars. Open blinds also present an opportunity for people to look inside your home or your garage.

-A well-kept yard can help deter crime since trimmed foliage offers fewer places to hide. And fences can, of course, keep unwanted visitors out.

-Do not leave your personal property, such as lawn mowers, edgers, and blowers unattended in the yard.

-If package theft is a concern in your neck of the woods, work with neighbors to keep an eye out for deliveries and suspicious snoopers or cars. If one neighbor is home most days, see if they're willing to collect packages that would be left unattended on other porches for hours.

-See Something, Say Something- Improving neighborhood safety is a team effort. Make friends with your neighbors. Friendly neighbors are more likely to look out for each other.

-Don't assume someone else has reported the suspicious vehicle or individual you've seen.

Sheriff Spillman encourages all citizens to help by staying alert and making the call when something catches their eye. Exercise common sense, and remember to keep your doors and windows locked, especially when you aren't home.

To report suspicious activity, use our 24/7 non-emergency line at 225-784-3136. Always dial 9-1-1 for emergencies.

**Click [here](#) to print our summer coloring page! You may also pick up copies from the WF Courthouse or Substation. Submit completed coloring pages to [info@wfpso.org](mailto:info@wfpso.org) then check our Facebook page to see if we share yours! Photos will be shared all summer long, so keep them coming.**

# Summer Safety 2023

Sheriff Spillman wants you to color a picture of how you're staying safe while having fun this summer!  
Send a pic of your drawing to [info@wfpso.org](mailto:info@wfpso.org) then check our Facebook page to see if yours gets posted!

