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Play It Safe



On a hot summer's day, the waters of the Umpqua River can be an enjoyable place to spend time swimming, wading, and floating with family and friends. As with any other recreational activity, river recreation contains an element of risk and your fun can quickly turn to tragedy if you don't know some of the "rules of the road".

The following information gives a brief overview of some of the safety and knowledge required before getting into the water.

The most important thing you need to do before floating or boating is get and wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket or Personal Floatation Device (PFD) that fits well. Test it in shallow water. If it fits properly and is correctly fastened, it should stay in place and not ride up or slip over your chin. To work best, PFDs must be worn with all straps, zippers, and ties properly fastened and any loose ends tucked away. To check the buoyancy, relax your body and let your head tilt back. Make sure your PFD keeps your chin above water and that you can breathe easily.

Air mattresses and inner-tubes add to the fun of a day on the water, but their use requires safety precautions as well. Always keep in mind that air mattresses and inner-tubes are not boats but floatation devices that can be easily punctured. As such, they should never be substituted for life jackets or other types of approved Personal Floatation Devices. Their use should be confined to areas near shore. If you use an air mattress or inner-tube, always wear a life jacket.

Rapids on the Umpqua Rivers are continually changing. Each year new boulders and wood tumble throughout the river system. Immersed rocks roll and slide. Logs can be deposited anywhere during high water. As water levels recede, the river flowing around these objects can be hazardous. Stay away from overhanging trees, submerged logs, and other obstacles that water flows *through* rather than around. You can be pinned against them, possibly under water, by the force of the current.

Rocks along the shoreline and in the shallows can be very slippery. Be careful and take small, deliberate steps. Always wear some sort of foot protection designed for use in the water.

Never attempt to stand up in fast moving water. Your foot could become entrapped between obstructions on the river bottom and the force of the moving water could pull your body under.

If you find yourself being swept through rock rapids, float downstream feet first with your toes pointed upward. Using your arms to backstroke, you can "steer" yourself through the rapid. This will enable you to fend off rocks and other obstacles, reducing the likelihood of head injuries and foot entrapment as you float through the rapid.

Before you dive, jump or swing into a swimming hole, common sense requires that you take a few safety precautions. Ask yourself: Is the water too shallow? Are there rocks or other submerged objects just below the surface? Are other swimmers clear of the diving area? For rope swings, be sure that the rope and the object the rope is tied to is strong enough to support you and that there is a safe path between you and the water.

We hope that you enjoy the summer and all the recreational activities that Douglas County has to offer. But remember, play safe!

Going Away?

Many burglaries occur while the homeowners and family are away from the house. It's often ridiculously easy to spot a house that has been unoccupied for a day or more, and is likely to be so longer. Taking a few simple precautions can minimize your chances of being a victim of crime.

Many common sense tips are well known by now. Stop the mail, stop the newspaper or have a neighbor pick them up. Lock up the house and leave a light on. But even these common techniques could use improvement.

Stopping the newspaper could just look like you decided not to have it anymore, so that's fine. But, stopping all mail delivery is also a signal to thieves, since everyone gets at least some, if only junk mail. Better to have it picked up daily then taken inside the house by a trusted neighbor, who then exits out the back.

Leaving a light on is fine, too, except when it burns all the time. Then it looks unnatural and staged. Better to have at least a simple timer that turns it off during the day and on at night. Better still is to have one that will turn it off and on at night several times, as you would if you were home. Putting the stereo or radio on a timer is a good idea, too.

Make sure exterior lighting illuminates the entrances of your home. Control front and back porch lights with a photoelectric switch, or timer, so that they turn on automatically at dusk and off at dawn.

It is also a good idea to turn the ringer on your phone down low. When it rings long and loud - it's an advertisement that nobody's home. If you have call forwarding on your telephone, forward your calls to your cell phone or a trusted friend or relative. Answering machines are fine, but don't leave specific information about your absence. Keep your message vague, such as, "We can't come to the phone right now, please leave a message."

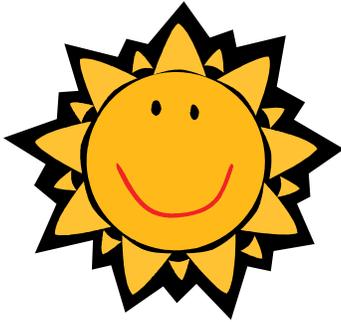
Best of all is to hire a house sitter that will stay there at least part of the time. It adds a cost to your vacation, but having a person in the home - especially at night - will ward off all but a small minority of criminals. Sometimes you can work out a trade with a neighbor or responsible teen friend of your own kids. You cover their home on vacation, they cover yours.

If you have a neighborhood watch program, as is very helpful, be sure to let the Block Captain or a trusted neighbor know your plans. It is always a good idea to make sure someone knows how to reach you in an emergency. Give them your itinerary, such as where you will be staying and your expected return date.

And finally, contact your local law enforcement agency and request a "Vacation Check" or extra patrol be done in your neighborhood while you are gone.



Summer Is Here, Do You Know Where Your Kids Are?



Now that the days are getting longer, some children, particularly adolescents, will probably assume that they can stay outside longer. Many will probably lose track of time.

For their own safety and security, consider talking with your children about your summertime rules and expectations.

Many parents must choose between leaving their children home alone during the day while they are at work or busy with other commitments, or finding alternative care. Parents often worry when their children are

home alone, but there are precautions they can take to ease their worries and help protect their children when they're not around.

What parents can do

- **Stay in touch.** Call children throughout the day to ask how they are and what they are doing. Ask children to check in before they leave the house and to call again when they return.
- **Keep kids connected.** Post important numbers by the telephone, including parent's work and cell phone, the doctor's office, and a neighbor or a nearby relative who can help children quickly if they need it.
- **Practice what to do in an emergency.** Teach children how to dial 911 and when to do it. Ask questions like "If someone is trying to get in the house, what should you do?" "If you get hurt, what should you do?" and "If you want to play at a friend's house, what should you do?"
- **Set firm rules.** Make clear what children are allowed to do and what they aren't allowed to do. Can they use the Internet when home alone? Can they invite a friend over? Can they invite several friends over?

Make Sure Your Children Are Ready

All children mature differently which can make the decision to leave children alone even harder for parents. Oregon law states that children must be at least 10 years old before they can be left unsupervised, but there is no guarantee that when children reach this age they will be ready.

Can your children:

- Be trusted to go straight home after school or after playing at a neighbor's house?
- Easily use the telephone, locks, and kitchen appliances
- Follow rules and instructions well?
- Handle unexpected situations without panicking?
- Stay home alone without being afraid?
- Say their full name, address, and telephone number?

If you feel comfortable leaving your children home alone and feel that they are ready, discuss it with them and start practicing what they should and shouldn't do. Role play different scenarios to prepare them for anything that might happen when they are home alone.

Source: National Crime Prevention Council

Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County June 1-30, 2008

Burglaries

400 block First St., Yoncalla
1700 block Kendall St., Roseburg
2000 block Buckhorn Rd., Roseburg
2700 block Military Rd., Roseburg
1200 block Ridge Ave., Roseburg
400 block Plat B Rd., Sutherlin
9200 block Tyee Rd., Umpqua
400 block Bremner Ln., Winston
100 block Hamilton Heights Ln. Glendale

Thefts

4000 block Diamond Lake Lp., Diamond Lk
18000 block N. Umpqua Hwy., Glide
100 block Bear Creek Rd., Curtain
4300 block Eagle Valley Rd., Drain
400 block Thora Circle Dr., Winchester
2700 block S. Hwy 99, Roseburg
2800 block Moorea Dr., Roseburg
1500 block Newton Creek Rd., Roseburg
1500 block Ridge Ave., Roseburg

1000 block Amanda St., Roseburg
300 block Landfill Rd., Roseburg
17000 block Elkhead Rd., Oakland
4400 block S. Hwy 99, Green
500 block Berthal Ave., Canyonville
22000 block Tiller Trainl Hwy., Days Creek
700 block Hamlin Dr., Canyonville
200 block SW Fourth St., Canyonville
2700 block South Umpqua Rd., Tiller
500 block SW Pine Ave., Canyonville
400 block Barton Rd., Azalea
500 block Bull Run Rd., Azalea
200 block Ranchero Rd., Azalea

Thefts from Motor Vehicle

7200 block Rice Valley Rd., Oakland
400 block S. Pacific Hwy., Myrtle Creek

Motor Vehicle Theft

200 block Discovery Point Ln., Winchester Bay
300 block Justa Ln., Sutherlin

300 block E. Fifth Ave., Riddle
100 block S. Sixth St., Glendale

Criminal Mischief

4700 block Lookingglass Rd. Roseburg
400 block North View Dr., Roseburg
3000 block Follett St., Roseburg
100 block Zachary Ln., Roseburg
2100 block Frear St., Roseburg
3700 block Oakhill Rd., Wilbur
4100 block Oakhill Rd., Wilbur
400 block Industrial Dr., Green
200 block Pony Ln., Lookingglass
2100 block La Canada Dr., Green
4000 block Melody Ln., Green
200 block Emils Way, Green
2300 block Austin Rd., Green
200 block S. Main St., Canyonville
200 block N. Main St., Canyonville
200 block Walnut St., Myrtle Creek
300 block Outback Ln., Glendale



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