

Community Newsletter

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Safety In and Around Vehicles

There are many ways children are put at great risk in and around vehicles. These include power windows, trunk entrapment, being left in a hot car, and backing over children. These injuries are preventable and parents and caregivers are the preventative measure. By simply taking an extra minute or two these statistics can be drastically lowered.

Don't leave a child alone in a hot car! Each year, an average of 36 children ages 3 months to 8 years die needlessly from heat stroke after being left unattended in a vehicle. Children overheat 4 times faster than adults. A child's body does not have the same internal temperature control as adults, and can warm 3 to 5 times faster. Within 10 minutes of being closed or being closed, in the daytime, the inside temperature of a vehicle will be almost 20 degrees hotter than the outside temperature. After 30 minutes the vehicle's temperature will be 34 degrees hotter! Even in 70 degree weather the vehicle can reach a life-threatening temperature in just a minute. Research has shown that leaving a window open does not help.

To prevent this tragedy from ever happening, make a habit of looking in the back seat EVERY time you turn your vehicle off. Place important items in the backseat (a purse or briefcase) or place a stuffed animal in the front seat – to remind you that your child is in the vehicle. Choose to visit "drive-thru" windows when available so that all passengers can remain in the vehicle.

Backing over a child – Tragically, this happens more than 2,000 times per year across the country and 27% of children die from being backed over by a vehicle. A driveway is one of the most dangerous spots in a neighborhood. A few seconds of your time can prevent this horrible loss.

Preventative measures include teaching children to never play in or around vehicles and encouraging all "goodbyes" be done inside your home – kids and pets often run toward vehicles to say goodbye or hello – discourage this practice. Always be sure that children and pets are locked inside the house when you leave. And finally, do the "360 test" before backing up. Walk completely around your car before getting in.

Watch your windows. It can happen in an instant! A child leans out a car window and unknowingly activates the power window switch. Unable to reverse it, the child is injured or can be strangled to death. Keep your power window switch locked. Such a simple thing can save a child's life!

Trunk entrapment – Kids naturally love to play "hide and seek." An automobile trunk looks to them like a perfect hiding spot. Unfortunately it is a death trap. 9% of deaths are caused by a child entering a vehicle's trunk, being overcome with heat exhaustion, losing consciousness and dying before they can cry out for help! Just as families should practice fire escape routes in their homes, we should also take the time to teach our children that trunks are not a safe place to play.

To prevent this from happening to your children, make sure to keep your vehicle locked and keys inaccessible so children cannot get in the trunk. Keep rear, fold-down seats closed to prevent kids from crawling into the trunk. And finally, practice a trunk escape. Show them the glow-in-the-dark emergency release mechanisms. Cars made before 2001 can be retrofitted with this.

For more information and free informational flyers visit: www.nsc.org/safety_road/DriverSafety/Pages/ChildrenInAroundVehicles.aspx

Protecting Your Home While on Vacation

Approximately 23,660 burglaries were reported in Oregon, according to the most recent Oregon Annual Uniform Crime Report. Burglaries were highest in July and August - a time when many families are enjoying their long-anticipated vacations.

This is why, as you plan all the final details for your trip, it's essential to take some time to plan for what's going to be left behind: your home. If more homeowners knew how to burglar-proof their homes, according to the Insurance Information Institute, nine out of 10 home break-ins could be prevented.

There is also the issue of home accidents. If steps are not taken to protect your home from accidents or natural disasters while you're away, damage from water, electricity or fire can sometimes be even more devastating than a burglary.

Here are some things to do before you leave for vacation.

Ask a trusted neighbor or friend to pick up the mail and newspapers daily. If you don't have someone to do this for you, stop the mail and cancel the newspaper. Never tell the newspaper carrier that you will be gone. If you will be gone for more than two weeks it is a better to cancel the paper than run the risk of putting a "vacation stop" on your paper delivery. You don't want to give away any clues to would-be robbers.

Ask a relative or neighbor to housesit. This person will, ideally, stop by as often as possible to check for any deliveries that haven't been stopped, water plants, open curtains periodically and even move your car from the garage out into the driveway once in a while.

Install timers on your indoor and outdoor lights. Having lights on inside and outside of your home will make it look like someone's home, or will be soon. Installing motion-detectors on your outdoor lights (so they turn on whenever motion is detected) can also be helpful.

Make sure the garage door cannot be opened. You will probably need to disconnect the garage door opener to do this.

Arrange for someone to cut the lawn. Nothing gives away an unoccupied home faster than grass that is over a foot long (other than, maybe, five newspapers in the driveway). If you will be gone long enough for the grass to grow too high, make sure a friend, neighbor or hired service will cut it for you. The same goes for trimming bushes.

Ask the police department to do a "vacation watch." Many police departments will check on your home while you're away.

Lock all your doors and windows. This may sound obvious,

but it's estimated that 28 percent of burglaries occur without using force to gain entry. In other words, they probably entered through an unlocked window or door. Check all of your windows and doors, including the one leading into your home from the garage and windows in the basement.

Secure sliding glass doors. Sliding doors can be forced open by intruders. Placing a metal or wooden rod in the track will prevent this.

Leave curtains and shades open. If you will not have someone house-sitting for you, leave your drapes and blinds open (but be sure there are no valuables like jewelry, laptops, etc. in plain sight). Closed shades during the day make it look like no one is home, and also offer a burglar who enters your home a great deal of privacy. Never leave a message on your answering machine saying you're on vacation. This lets everyone who calls know that you're gone and when you'll be returning. Leave your answering machine message the same as always, but change the setting to pick up on the first or second ring. This way, a burglar won't hear a constantly ringing, but unanswered, phone.

Unplug everything you can. Other than the refrigerator, freezer and lights on timers, everything -- including the coffee pot, computer, TV, toaster, etc. -- should be unplugged when you're on vacation. Why? Because even though your clock radio may not be on, the circuit is still active and could potentially cause a problem.

Consider shutting off the water. If you will be gone for a week or more, you may want to turn off the water to your toilets, sinks and washing machine. A broken pipe at an inopportune time could otherwise cause a great deal of damage.

Turn down the setting on your hot water heater. This will save energy and money.

Consider installing a security system. This may help to deter burglars and set your mind at ease. Before you choose a system to install, though, do your homework. Prices, and quality, vary widely, and you can usually get free estimates before you decide.

Don't let your home and everything you've worked so hard for become a target for burglary or disaster. You can prepare, relax and get away from it all...and then return to your home sweet home.



Identifying Door to Door Sales Scams

Deceptive door-to-door magazine sales crews are hitting the pavement and looking to earn a quick buck this summer. You might not realize that you need to know how to identify a door-to-door sales scam until you understand how easy it can be to fall for one. Some victims of door-to-door sales scams merely lose the amount of money they wasted on the scam, but others end up dealing with much more serious consequences, such as stolen identities or property.

Even if you're convinced that a door-to-door sales scam could never happen to you, it's not a bad idea to know what to look for.

First Impression - Don't expect the perpetrator of a door-to-door sales scam to look like a con artist. Because of this, you're likely to come across a con artist who is casually dressed and looks honest and safe, like a high school or college-age student, young single mom or perhaps an older man or woman.

Mentioning Money - Think every con artist will start talking about products right off the bat? Think again. Instead, he or she might distract you with vague comments about "contests," "points," or "opportunities." It's deceitful, but it's also a great way for a con artist to get through your door.

Charitable Appeals - One of the more devious things a con artist can do is appeal to your charitable nature. Be wary if a person at your door mentions that they're working "for a good cause," especially if it's one you haven't heard of before, or trying to earn money for college.

Fast Talk - Think you'll be able to out-think a con artist? Don't count on it. The salesperson will talk so fast that you won't even be able to hear yourself think.

Gaining Entry - The key to any door-to-door sale is to gain entry to your house. Train yourself not to let people inside, and don't be surprised if a con artist has some sneaky techniques for doing so.

Engaging Behavior - The con artist will do everything in his or her power to make you think that the two of you are friends. Expect conversation about your likes, interests, and hobbies.

Expecting "Yes" - A con artist won't wait around for

you to say yes. He or she will start filling out the order form long before you've even made up your mind.

Unusual Conduct - If you look closely, something the con artist does will likely tip you off. For example, asking to use your phone or charging you way too much (or too little).

Getting You Involved - One of the best things a con artist can do is get you involved in the scam. Most often, the con artist will attempt to enroll you as another salesperson, in return for incentives, discounts or free products. That way, you're even less likely to think it's a scam, and less likely to report it when you do eventually get ripped off.

Innocent Salespeople - The saddest thing about door-to-door sales scams is that the companies that perpetrate them tend to employ impressionable young people who might not even know that they're part of a scam. Often, salespeople involved in scams don't get paid regularly for their work. Instead, their employers will promise big payoffs if they make enough sales.

The Better Business Bureau offers the following advice to avoid getting scammed by a door-to-door magazine sales rep:

Always research the company with your Better Business Bureau for free at www.bbb.org before filling out a check for a magazine subscription.

The Federal Trade Commission's Three-Day Cooling-Off Rule gives the customer three days to cancel purchases over \$25 that are made in their home or at a location that is not the seller's permanent place of business. Along with a receipt, salespeople should also include a completed cancellation form that customers can send to the company to cancel the agreement. By law, the company must give customers a refund within 10 days of receiving the cancellation notice.

Victims of fraudulent magazine sales can file a complaint with their Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org, local law enforcement, and Oregon Attorney General office.

Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between June 1-30, 2010 reported to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The information contained in this report is intended to help inform the citizens of Douglas County of the criminal activity occurring in their area. The data referenced in this report only includes incidents where a police report was initiated by a deputy and does not include all calls for service for the Sheriff's Office.

Burglaries

100 block American Bridge Rd, Reedsport
2000 block Rice Valley Rd, Oakland
200 block Oak St, Yoncalla
400 block Melqua Rd, Roseburg
2700 block S Hwy 99, Roseburg
2500 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
1600 block Kendall St, Roseburg
100 block Saddle Butte Ln, Roseburg
1000 block Black Oak Dr, Roseburg
100 block Spencer Hill Ln, Oakland
3200 block Roberts Creek Rd, Green
2100 block Austin Rd, Green
800 block Dairy Loop Rd, Lookingglass
100 block Lakewood Ct, Green
100 block Lower Court Ln, Canyonville
100 block Phillips St, Canyonville
26000 block Tiller Trail Hwy, Tiller
2900 block Canyonville Riddle Rd, Riddle
800 block David Dr, Myrtle Creek
100 block Arnold Ln, Myrtle Creek
500 block Willis Ave, Glendale

Thefts

300 block Scholfield Rd, Reedsport
1500 block Taketee Falls Trail, Diamond Lake
2000 block Thorn Prairie Rd, Diamond Lake
1700 block Whistlers Ln, Roseburg
6500 block Elkhead Rd, Oakland
300 block Main St, Yoncalla
300 block Alder St, Yoncalla
200 block Hogan Rd, Oakland
1900 block SE Stephens St, Roseburg
200 block NE Jackson St, Roseburg
8000 block Callahan Rd, Roseburg
100 block Tipton Rd, Roseburg
16000 block Dixonville Rd, Roseburg
5100 block Lookingglass Rd, Roseburg
2200 block Sunshine Rd, Roseburg
1700 block Newton Creek Rd, Roseburg

1100 block Umpqua College Rd, Winchester
300 block North River Dr, Roseburg
200 block Kermanshah St, Green
300 block Char St, Green
200 block Industrial Dr, Green
4100 block S Hwy 99, Green
100 block Bailey Rd, Green
4900 block Golding St, Green
300 block SE Third St, Canyonville
200 block SW Frontage Rd, Canyonville
2900 block Canyonville Riddle, Canyonville
18000 block Tiller Trail Hwy, Days Creek
200 block N Main St, Canyonville
300 block Maple St, Riddle
100 block N Main St, Canyonville
400 block Beals Creek Rd, Days Creek
1000 block N Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
800 block N Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
Cow Creek Rd / Middle Creek, Riddle

Criminal Mischief

1400 block Kirkendahl Rd, Camas Valley
200 block Pitt St, Gardiner
4300 block Buckhorn Rd, Roseburg
4700 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
1000 block Douglas Ave, Roseburg
100 block LaQuinta Ct, Roseburg
1800 block Trails End Ln, Sutherlin
200 block Plat M Rd, Sutherlin
2200 block Burdette Dr, Green
2200 block Cannon Ave, Green
400 block E First Ave, Riddle
100 block SE Third St, Canyonville
500 block N Main St, Canyonville
400 block Alder Ln, Canyonville
100 block Long St, Canyonville
400 block Evergreen Ridge Rd, Riddle
4700 block Mount Reuben Rd, Glendale
200 block Rancho Rd, Azalea

Motor Vehicle Thefts

9600 block Buckhorn Rd, Glide
2900 block W Hwy 138, Sutherlin
3600 block Reston Rd, Tenmile
26000 block Tiller Trail Hwy, Tiller
900 block Pruner Rd, Riddle

Thefts from a Motor Vehicle

1500 block Tokette Falls Trail, Diamond Lake
100 block Vernita Ln, Glide
100 block Wingfoot Ct, Roseburg
100 block Colton Ln, Roseburg
3900 block Melrose Rd, Melrose
1100 block Newton Creek Rd, Roseburg
3800 block Stella St, Green
1900 block Linnell Ave, Green
13000 block S Hwy 99, Green
400 block Brosi Orchard Rd, Winston
100 block Scott St, Dillard
1000 block Hill St, Myrtle Creek
400 block Gentry Loop, Myrtle Creek

Drug Offense

2000 block Diamond Lake Loop, Diamond Lake
138 E /MP 73, Diamond Lake
100 block Lone Rock Rd, Glide
1100 block Riverwood Ln, Oakland
1400 block Curtin Rd, Curtin
100 block Pleasant St, Roseburg
1300 block Hamilton St, Roseburg
2700 block Douglas Ave, Roseburg
2500 block Douglas Ave, Roseburg
100 block Curry Rd, Roseburg
4300 block Green Valley Rd, Oakland
Rolling Hills Rd / Stella St, Green
700 block Thompson Rd, Winston
400 block Speedway Rd, Green
100 block Surprise Valley Ln, Canyonville
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville
Fourth St / S Main St, Canyonville
1200 block Booth Ranch Rd, Myrtle Creek
400 block S Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
Seeley Ave / Walnut St, Myrtle Creek
Montgomery Ave / S Third St, Glendale

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