

Here are some summer safety reminders for you to share with neighbors and friends:

- You are the resident experts in your neighborhood. ALWAYS report ANY suspicious people or behavior to the police by calling the non-emergency number, 262-886-2300, and then follow up with neighbors. Encourage all residents in your block to do the same – call police first; communicate with each other second.
- Keep doors and window locked at all times; never open the door for anyone you don't know.
- Pay attention when you're driving, and visually scan the entire area around you. Children are often unpredictable and unaware of the danger around them. Be alert for kids playing near or riding bikes in the street. Slow down and make eye contact with them. Make sure you are watching for pedestrians and cyclists, too.
- Always supervise children around pools, retention ponds, lakes or streams.
- Never allow children to play outside or walk anywhere alone. Some predators may cruise neighborhoods looking for unsupervised kids.
- Teach kids to appreciate and respect police officers, firefighters, and EMS professionals. Explain to them when and how to dial 911 in an emergency.
- Make sure children know to keep doors and windows locked at all times. Teach them never to open the door for someone they don't know or for someone who claims to be a friend or relative of yours.
- Insist children always wear a helmet when biking, skateboarding, roller skating or riding a scooter. Teach them to stop, listen, and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Encourage children to keep bikes, skateboards, sports equipment, and other special toys and games inside the house or in a CLOSED garage when not using them.