



Port Wentworth Police

Community Watch Tips

Hotel/Motel Safety

Now that the holidays are near, we must remember that crime prevention doesn't stop when we leave home. To help ensure that a vacation will be an enjoyable experience for everyone, here are some crime prevention tips that will help protect your family and property when staying at a hotel or motel.

Arriving at a Hotel

- ***Park your vehicle in a well lit area as close to the lobby where you can see your vehicle and occupants.***
- ***Before getting out of your vehicle, check your surroundings for suspicious people or vehicles.***
- ***When leaving your vehicle, put all valuables out of site and be sure to lock your vehicle..***
- ***Memorize or have recorded your vehicle license information in case you need it.***

Checking In

- ***Make reservations ahead of time to prevent being stranded with no vacancies or unsafe accommodations.***
- ***Women traveling alone sign in using only first initial and last name.***
- ***Register using your business address or other than home address.***

When Arriving at your Room

- ***Store all valuables in a hotel safe and get a receipt instead of leaving them in your vehicle.***
- ***Don't enter your room if someone is loitering in the area and watching you. Report this to the front desk immediately.***
- ***Be sure the locks on your door work properly.***

- **Familiarize yourself with the closest fire evacuation route.**
- **Make sure you know how to use the type of phone in the room and that you can dial 911 from it.**
- **Memorize the name and address of the hotel and your room number.**
- **Use the “peep hole” to identify visitors before opening the door. Do not open the door to any stranger without ID and instruct your children not to open the door.**

Going Out

- **Hang the “do not disturb” sign on the doorknob and leave the radio or TV on when you are out of the room.**
- **Do not enter the elevator alone if someone is in the elevator and seems suspicious.**
- **Inquire at the front desk about safe places to eat, shop, walk, or jog. Ask for a map of the area.**

Following these tips and being a little cautious will help make your vacation a safe and enjoyable experience.

Have a Safe and enjoyable stay in Port Wentworth.

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