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Crime Watch Newsletter

May 24th Last Day of School/Summer Safety

School is out for summer we want to remind drivers and parents about the importance of keeping children safe throughout the summer months.

Drivers should be extra cautious in looking for child pedestrians and bicyclists during the summer.

Tips for Drivers:

- Be alert, especially in residential areas.
- Expect the unexpected. Children may cross the street at the wrong place or suddenly run or ride in front of you.
- Obey all laws. Slow down if there are children along the road or crossing the street. Come to a full stop at intersections.
- Be predictable. Don't make sudden maneuvers that others, particularly children on foot or on a bicycle, are not expecting.
- Double check behind you and around you when backing out of a driveway or parking space.
- Don't be distracted. Put down the coffee, put down the cell phone, and put both hands on the wheel. Avoid distractions within your vehicle, including loud music.
- Yield the right of way to pedestrians. It isn't just courteous, it's the law.

Parents can help by reminding their children about staying safe on the roads.

Tips for Parents:

- Focus on the basics. Teach your children to make eye contact with the driver before they cross, even if the walk signal is on.
- Remind them to walk, don't run across the road and;
- To stop, look and listen before crossing the street.
- Teach your children to cross at intersections that have a marked crosswalk or a pedestrian crossing light.
- Teach children to watch out for cars that are backing up.
- When walking with your child, avoid unnecessary shortcuts like walking through a parking lot. Drivers may not see children between parked cars and the children may not see the cars moving.
- Remind children not to play in or around vehicles.



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

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It'll only be a minute, you say. You crack the windows and lock the car leaving your sleeping infant cozy in her car seat.

The problem is that it's never just a minute. It's always longer than that and it only takes 10 minutes for your car to heat up to dangerous temperatures—potentially killing or permanently injuring your child.

It only takes minutes

In 10 minutes, the internal temperature of your car can increase by 20 degrees, even on a cloudy or overcast day. Children also overheat up to five times faster than adults.

Signs of Heatstroke

Children left in hot cars, either on purpose or by accident, can easily suffer from heatstroke, a fatal condition caused by elevated body temperatures. Your child may begin exhibiting signs of heat stroke well after they've spent 15 minutes in a 105-degree car.

Symptoms include:

- A body temperature of 103 degrees or higher, but no sweating. Babies can die if their body temperature reaches 107.
- Hot, red, dry skin
- Rapid pulse
- Restlessness
- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Headache, which may make them irritable
- Vomiting
- Rapid, shallow breathing
- Lethargy
- Unconsciousness

Heatstroke can also be caused by spending too much time outside of a car and in the sunshine, like at the beach. Babies, especially, should be kept cool since their bodies can't regulate their temperatures as well as older children and adults.

Preventable Deaths

Death and injury caused by leaving a child in a hot car can be prevented by NOT leaving a child in a hot car. This may sound like common sense—but it's true!

Always take your child with you when you leave the car, no matter how short you think the errand will be. If possible, leave the child home with a sibling, babysitter or other caretaker.

To help prevent yourself from absentmindedly forgetting that your child is with you, place your purse or wallet in the back seat with your child.

Pets are No Different

Imagine sitting in your hot car in a fur coat and the only way you can cool down is by panting because your body is incapable of sweating. Sounds pretty miserable, right?

Unlike children, pets are generally banned from most places of business, like grocery stores and restaurants. It's tempting to leave little Fido in the car while you run into that café for an iced coffee, but the same rules of internal car temperature apply.

While you wait 20 minutes for the barista to make your double mocha macchiato, the temperature inside your car increased from 80 degrees to 100 degrees. Your dog pants excessively to cool herself down, sweating minimally from her paws as the temperature quickly rises.

Like with a child, signs of heatstroke in your dog may start to show well after you've returned with your frosty beverage.

Symptoms of heatstroke in dogs include:

- Panting
- Dehydration
- Excessive drooling
- Increased body temperature - above 103 degrees
- Reddened gums and moist tissues of the body
- Production of only small amounts of urine or no urine
- Rapid heart rate
- Irregular heart beats
- Shock
- Stoppage of the heart and breathing (cardiopulmonary arrest)
- Fluid build-up in the lungs; sudden breathing distress (tachypnea)
- Vomiting blood (hematemesis)
- Passage of blood in the bowel movement or stool
- Black, tarry stools
- Small, pinpoint areas of bleeding
- Changes in mental status
- Seizures
- Muscle tremors
- Wobbly, uncoordinated or drunken gait movement
- Unconsciousness in which the dog cannot be stimulated to be awakened

If you are going someplace that doesn't allow dogs, leave your furry companion at home.



THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

Salsa on the Docks

Sat, May 26, 6:00pm – 11:30pm

Dodecanese Boulevard, Dodecanese Blvd,

First Friday

Fri, June 1, 6pm – 10pm

West Tarpon Avenue, W Tarpon Ave, Tarpon



Sunset Beach Concert

Thu, June 7, 7pm – 9pm Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs Alcohol and pets are prohibited. Parking is limited onsite, so a courtesy shuttle will deliver concert goers to and from the beach and Tarpon Springs High School, FREE!!

Tarpon Springs Recreation Center and Tarpon Springs Library are a great place to stay cool and join in activities this summer. Check them out on line for list of activities.



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