



# Sumter Police Department

## Personal Safety Tips

Crime and the fear of crime create special concerns. Knowing what to do to reduce the chances of being a victim of crime can help protect you and your family.

- Do not open your door unless you personally know who is on the other side
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times
- Keep garage doors down
- Arm your home security system if you have one
- Keep your key fob beside your bed and activate alarm if necessary
- Leave lights on outside from dusk to dawn
- Do not hide keys under mats, in mailboxes or other common hiding spots
- Remove valuables from your vehicle and lock your doors
- Inventory your valuables and keep photos and serial numbers in a safe location
- Call The Sumter Police Department for a FREE home security survey
- Report any and all suspicious activity
- Have keys in your hand when exiting or entering your vehicle
- Remove valuables from view and lock your vehicle
- Carry your purse under your arm, not dangling from your shoulder
- Use a grocery cart to take purchases to your vehicle
- Travel and park in well-lit areas
- Do not carry large sums of money
- Never leave your purse unattended...even for a minute!

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**Protecting life and property. Preserving peace and order.**