

CHIEF'S BRIEF

Laguna Niguel Police Services



Hello Laguna Niguel,

Now that we are well into the fall season, let's talk about a few safety reminders and tips for you and your family, friends, and neighbors to consider.

First, with the onset of the fall season, it is a great time to check your smoke detectors as we're more likely to begin relying on heating appliances and fireplaces. Given the potential fire hazards, it's crucial to ensure that your smoke detectors are in excellent working condition. Change the batteries and run tests to guarantee they will effectively alert you to any potential dangers. Remember early fire detection is essential.

Let's now turn our attention to the importance of safe driving. In the coming months, we anticipate more rainfall due to the El Niño weather pattern. While we welcome the precipitation, it's essential to adapt your driving habits to ensure safety. Rainy conditions can make for slippery roads and visibility challenges. Remember to slow down, maintain a safe following distance, and pay close attention whenever you're driving in school zones and residential areas.

Before the rainy season arrives, I encourage you to check your windshield wipers are in good condition for clear visibility, maintain proper tire pressure to ensure better handling on wet roads, and inspect tire tread depth and replace any worn tires for improved traction.

As we continue our commitment to public safety, I must emphasize a vital point: Don't Drink and Drive. Always arrange for a designated driver, a ride share, or other alternate transportation if you plan to consume alcohol. If you see an impaired driver, please call 911 once it is safe to do so.

I share these safety reminders with you to ensure that this fall season remains a time of warmth, connection, and shared moments with your loved ones. Your safety is our top priority, and the Laguna Niguel Police Services team is here to serve and protect our community.

Captain Isaac Flores,
Chief of Laguna Niguel Police Services