

FALL HOA MEETING:

November 9, 2023



ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Laguna Niguel Police Services



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AGENDA



- **HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS**
- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**
- **VACATION CHECKS**



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS: GOING OUT OF TOWN?



VISUAL DETERENTS

- Install motion-activated cameras to cover entire property.
- Install motion-activated lights in front and backyard.
- Set timers on interior lights/electronics, e.g., TV/radio.

PHYSICAL DETERENTS

- Lock all doors, windows, and garages.
- Install glass break film and/or sensors.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Secure all valuables in inconspicuous locations.
- Avoid posting about your location on social media.
- Ask a neighbor to keep watch of your property.
- Avoid “hiding” spare keys near front entrance.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS: PACKAGE THEFTS



PACKAGE SECURITY

- Install security cameras on your front porch.
- Consider installing a parcel box near delivery door.
- Require signature on delivery.
- Take advantage of package tracking.*

**Be aware of fraudulent text message alerts from package delivery companies.*

Text Message
Friday 9:52 AM

Hello mate, your FEDEX package with tracking code GB-6412-GH83 is waiting for you to set delivery preferences: c4dmc.info/sKenKPAAaLg

ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY METHODS

- If your company allows it, ship packages to your workplace.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up your package from your porch.
- Use Smart Package Lockers such as Amazon Lockers.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS: DISTRACTION THEFTS



HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Suspects work in groups and looking to distract you from your valuables.
- Avoid leaving belongings unattended.
 - This includes wallets, keys, phones, bags/purses in the shopping cart.
- Tell solicitors firmly that you are not interested and walk away.



HOW TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Notify store manager/employees.
- Call Dispatch* and give descriptive details of suspicious people and/or vehicles.

**Non-Emergency Dispatch 949-770-6011 (phone options 1-9-1)*



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS: CHARITY SCAMS



GIVING IS GREAT: TOP TIPS TO REMEMBER

VERIFY ORGANIZATION LEGITIMACY

- Select popular or well-known charities.
- Check applications such as Charity Navigator to validate lesser-known charities.



QUESTION CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS

- Ask questions when new organizations claim to aid victims.
- Research crowdfunding requests e.g., GoFundMe, to confirm legitimacy.

OTHER TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Keep records of your donations.
- Avoid giving cash.
- Be vigilant for fraudulent emails, phone calls, and social media accounts.





PACT (POLICE AUXILIARY CITIZEN TEAM)

- PACT is a volunteer program comprised of adults residing in the Laguna Niguel area.
- PACT volunteers participate in many programs, including the Vacation Check Program.
- During a vacation check, PACT members visit homes of vacationing residents and ensure property is secure.

To Register for a Vacation Check: Call (949) 362-4346.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



EMPOWERING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BE ACTIVE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME



BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Strong community relationships.
- Neighbors working together to help each other.
- A positive relationship with local law enforcement.

GETTING STARTED

If you are interested in starting your own Neighborhood Watch group or learning if your community already has an established group, please contact the LNPS Crime Prevention Specialists:

mconlin@ocsheriff.gov or msimmons@ocsheriff.gov.



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