

LAGUNA HILLS POLICE SERVICES

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2025

ACCIDENT SAFETY

Accidents are sudden and unexpected, and while they can happen to anyone at any time, your safety is a top priority. In the event of a car accident, it's crucial to stay calm and focus on protecting yourself, your passengers, and everyone else involved in the incident. Being prepared and knowing what steps to take can help minimize harm and ensure you respond appropriately to the situation.

ACCIDENT SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Stay Calm And Pull Over:
 - Try to stay calm and pull over to the side of the road if it's safe to do so. This helps prevent further accidents and keeps everyone out of harm's way.
- Check For Injuries
 - If anyone is hurt, don't hesitate—call 911 right away.
- Call For Assistance
 - Deputies and Community Service Officers will be dispatched to assist all involved parties.
- Exchange Information
 - Be sure to exchange names, contact details, driver's license numbers, license plate numbers, and insurance information with the other driver(s).
 - Stay calm and courteous—this helps avoid any misunderstandings.
- Document Everything
 - If it is safe take clear photos of the damage to your car and the scene.
- Contact Your Insurance Company
 - Call your insurance company to report the accident as soon as possible.



QUICK TIP

REPORTING AN INCIDENT OR A CRIME?

For quick reporting of suspicious activity, make sure to save the non-emergency number: (949) 770-6011. This connects you directly to Orange County Sheriff's Dispatch, allowing you to report incidents efficiently without tying up emergency lines.

Important: If you're witnessing a crime in progress or face an immediate threat, always call 9-1-1.

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VACATION CHECK!

REMEMBER - REGISTER FOR A VACATION CHECK!

Laguna Hills Police Services provides patrol checks of your home while you are away on vacation or business. Submit the Vacation Patrol Check Form a week prior to your travel date (form available online).

- Email the completed Vacation Patrol Check Form to **Crimeprevention@lagunahillsCA.gov**
- Contact Laguna Hills Police Services for any questions regarding the matter.

HOME SAFETY

There are many ways to protect your home, including installing security devices, keeping your home looking occupied, and maintaining your home's exterior.

SECURITY DEVICES

- Install alarms, cameras, motion lights, and a safe.
- Use double-key deadbolts, pin locks for windows, and anti-jacking screws.

MAKE YOUR HOME LOOK OCCUPIED

- Use timers for lights, radio, or TV.
- Keep your grass trimmed and snow shoveled.

MAINTAIN YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR

- Inspect and clean regularly.
- Fix repairs promptly, maintain gutters, and trim branches.

NIGHTLY ROUTINE

☐ LOCK UP

- Lock all doors, windows, gates, garages, and sheds

☐ SECURE VALUABLES

☐ TURN ON LIGHTS

- Turn on exterior lights to make your home less inviting to burglars

☐ ACTIVATE ALARMS

- Turn on security cameras and alarm systems

☐ REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Call 911 or use non-emergency dispatch if you see anything suspicious



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FLASHBACK -

NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE - JANUARY 17, 1994

The Northridge earthquake struck at 4:31 a.m. on January 17, 1994, with a magnitude of 6.7 in the San Fernando Valley, California. Caused by a previously unknown blind thrust fault, it resulted in 57 deaths and \$20 billion in damages, making it the costliest U.S. earthquake at the time. The quake caused widespread destruction and led to significant changes in building codes and earthquake preparedness.

PREPAREDNESS

THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPAREDNESS













Personal and home emergency preparedness is important because it helps ensure your safety and well-being during disasters. Having a plan in place, along with essential supplies like food, water, and medical items, allows you to respond quickly and effectively. It reduces panic, minimizes damage, and increases your chances of staying safe. Preparedness also helps you recover more quickly and provides peace of mind, knowing you're ready for unexpected situations.

HOME SAFETY IN THE NEW YEAR -

Start the new year by focusing on home safety. Test your smoke detectors and replace the batteries. Check fire extinguishers to make sure they're working and easy to reach. Secure heavy furniture to prevent tipping. Review your emergency plans, like fire and earthquake drills, with your family. Update locks and security systems, and clean or replace HVAC filters. Seal any cracks or gaps to keep pests out. Finally, restock your first-aid kit and check for expired items. These steps will help keep your home safe and secure.



12 WAYS TO PREPARE

<input type="checkbox"/>  Sign up for Alerts and Warnings	<input type="checkbox"/>  Make a Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>  Save for a Rainy Day	<input type="checkbox"/>  Practice Emergency Drills	<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Family Communication Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>  Safeguard Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>  Plan with Neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>  Make Your Home Safer	<input type="checkbox"/>  Know Evacuation Routes	<input type="checkbox"/>  Assemble or Update Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>  Get Involved in Your Community	<input type="checkbox"/>  Document and Insure Property

DON'T BE THE LAST TO KNOW!

SIGN UP FOR LAGUNA HILLS & ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERTS!

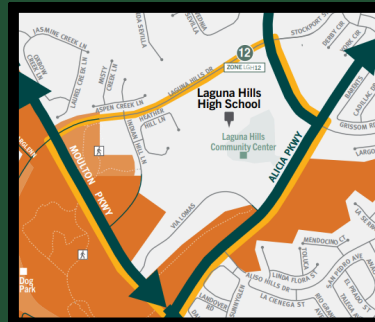
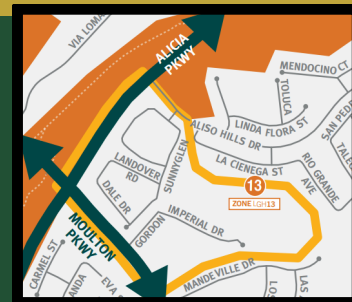
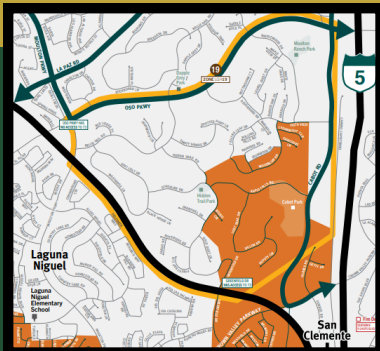
TEXT **92653** & **ALERTOC** TO **888777**

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KNOW YOUR ZONES

Have you ever wondered if your home is in the high-fire severity zone or a high ground shaking area in an earthquake?

Visit - <https://www.lagunahillsca.gov/351/Emergency-Management> for additional zone information.



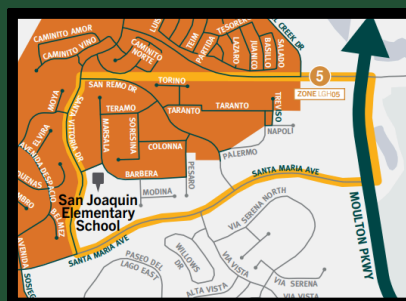
STAY INFORMED

RED FLAG WARNING -

These warnings are often issued by the National Weather Services and indicate high fire risk due to low humidity and strong winds

PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF -

During Red Flag Warning there are often Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) are often issued by utility companies. They temporarily turn off power in certain areas to prevent wildfires. This is done to reduce the risk of fires caused by electrical equipment, especially during extreme weather conditions like high winds or dry conditions.



CHECK YOUR STATUS

EXPERIENCING A POWER OUTAGE?

Find out when your power will be restored by visiting - <https://www.sce.com/outage-center/check-outage-status>

Edison has provided a live interactive [Outage Map](#) that helps you quickly determine if your service address is affected by an outage, including when an outage is scheduled to start or estimated to end.

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HOT CALL HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Laguna Hills deputies quickly responded to a call of criminal threats.

When deputies arrived, they spoke to the victim and were able to obtain a clear description of the suspect. It was determined that the incident was isolated and there were no additional threats to the community.

Laguna Hills deputies worked diligently to identify the suspect. The suspect was immediately located and taken into custody.



DECEMBER 16, 2024

A resident of Laguna Woods reported the theft of his e-bike. A Laguna Hills Police Services deputy saw a known parolee with the stolen property.

Deputies recovered the stolen e-bike and were able to return it to its owner! The parolee was arrested and booked into Orange County Jail.



JANUARY 14, 2025

During an ongoing investigation into e-bike thefts, Laguna Hills Police Services and DET deputies uncovered a "Chop Shop." Multiple e-bikes, bicycles, and scooters were recovered. A suspect connected to the "Chop Shop" was arrested and booked into Orange County Jail.



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