

LAGUNA HILLS POLICE SERVICES

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HOLIDAY & TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS

KEEP YOUR HOME, FAMILY, AND CELEBRATIONS SAFE THIS SEASON!

As the holidays approach, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of travel plans, festive decorations, and gift giving. But a few simple safety steps can help ensure your season stays merry and bright. The Laguna Hills Police Services team encourages residents to take precautions to keep their homes, vehicles, and valuables secure while enjoying the holiday season.

BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT OF TOWN

Make sure your home is safe and ready before you travel:

- Lock all doors and windows.
- Ask a trusted neighbor or friend to watch your home and collect mail or packages.
- Sign up for Laguna Hills Police Services Vacation Checks to have deputies monitor your home while you're away.

BE SOCIAL MEDIA SMART

Keep your travel details private to protect your home and belongings:

- Avoid posting vacation plans or photos until you return home.
- Limit sharing travel details publicly. Real-time posts can signal that your home is unoccupied.

GIFT SAFETY & THEFT PREVENTION

Stay alert and protect your purchases and deliveries this season:

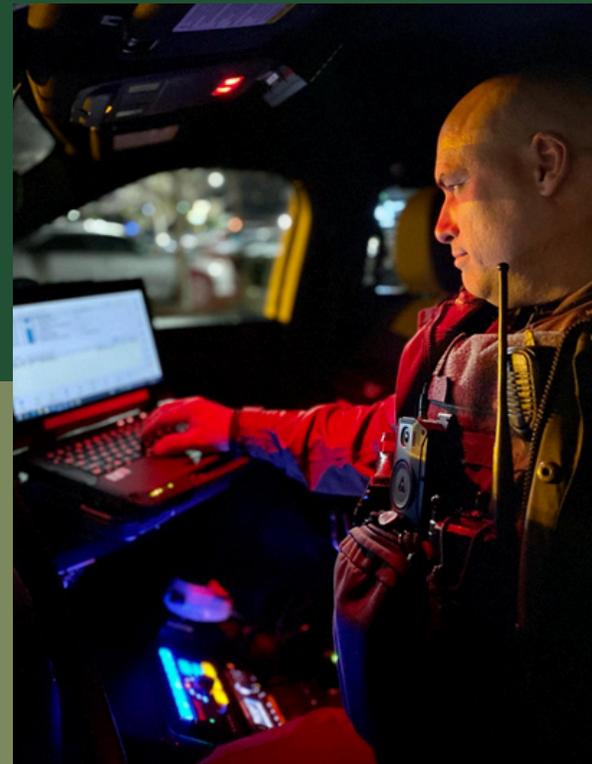
- Don't leave empty boxes visible on your curb.
- Never leave gifts, shopping bags, or valuables visible in your car. Store them in the trunk or take them with you.
- Always lock your car doors and roll up windows, even for short errands.
- Park in well-lit areas and stay aware of your surroundings while shopping.
- Use reputable delivery services or secure package lockers to prevent porch theft.

GONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

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.



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COMMUNITY CAMERA REGISTRY SHARE YOUR SECURITY CAMERA LOCATIONS WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Help enhance community safety by partnering with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. By sharing your security camera locations, you can assist deputies in solving crimes and keeping neighborhoods secure. Working together, we can make Orange County safer for everyone. To learn more and get started, visit OCSheriff.gov/Connect.



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.

STAY CYBER SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is one of the busiest and riskiest times of the year for online activity. With many people shopping and sharing information online, cybercriminals often take advantage of the increased traffic. Protect yourself and your personal information by following these simple cybersecurity tips:

- Use strong, unique passwords for all your online accounts.
- Shop only on trusted, secure websites.
- Never share personal or financial information through email or text.
- Use a credit card instead of a debit card when making online purchases. Credit Cards offer better fraud protection.
- Avoid clicking on suspicious links or attachments from unknown or unverified sources.
- Enable automatic software updates to keep your devices protected against the latest threats.
- A few smart precautions can make all the difference in keeping your holidays safe, secure, and stress-free.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

The Laguna Hills Neighborhood Watch program is all about neighbors looking out for each other. By staying alert, reporting suspicious activity, and working closely with local law enforcement, residents help create a safer, stronger community. Whether you're interested in joining meetings, volunteering, or simply staying informed, Neighborhood Watch offers a way to make a real difference in keeping Laguna Hills safe. For more information, visit the City's website or email the Laguna Hills Police Services at crimeprevention@lagunahillsca.gov

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RESOLVING TO BE PREPARED

This Decem-Burr, remember to start the new year strong by resolving to be prepared! Make these simple safety resolutions for a safer, more resilient Laguna Hills:

- Create an emergency kit with essentials like food, water, and first aid supplies for both your home and vehicle.
- Sign up for AlertOC, the official emergency notification system for Orange County.
- Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors every 6 months.
- Get to know your neighbors and include them in your emergency plan. Create community connections to help make your area safer.

Be ready, stay informed, and keep Laguna Hills prepared all year long!

SIMPLE TIPS TO PREVENT HOLIDAY FIRES

A dry tree can catch fire in seconds. Keep your holidays safe with these quick tips:

- Water daily. A fresh, hydrated tree is far less likely to ignite.
- Keep it clear. Place your tree at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, heaters, candles, and heat vents. Don't block exits.
- Use safe lights. Check for damaged cords and consider LED or flameless candles.
- Dispose promptly. Remove your tree after the holiday or once it dries out. Don't let it linger indoors.

A little care goes a long way toward keeping your holidays merry and fire-free.

EMERGENCY ROAD SAFETY KIT

- Spare tire, wheel wrench and tripod jack
- Jumper cables
- Tool kit and/or a multipurpose utility tool
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Reflective triangles and brightly colored cloth to make your vehicle more visible
- First aid kit
- Nonperishable high-energy food
- Drinking water
- Reflective vest in case you need to walk to get help
- Car charger for your cell phone
- Fire extinguisher
- Duct tape
- Windshield washer fluid
- Warm clothing
- Blankets

STAY INFORMED WITH ALERTOC

Stay informed with AlertOC, the County's mass notification system. By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive messages may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones and e-mail accounts.

SIGN UP: [HTTPS://MEMBER.EVERBRIDGE.NET/453003085613900/LOGIN](https://member.everbridge.net/453003085613900/LOGIN)

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HOT CALL HIGHLIGHT

October 2, 2025

Laguna Hills deputies responded to a report of a disruptive neighbor possibly under the influence of illegal substances. Upon contact, deputies discovered the individual had an outstanding warrant. The subject was arrested and transported to Orange County Jail. Thank you to our community for staying alert and reporting suspicious activity. Remember: If you see something, say something!



OCTOBER 9, 2025

Our Traffic Enforcement Team has been actively monitoring Oso Parkway and several other areas across the city due to ongoing concerns about excessive speeding.

In just the past few days alone, deputies have issued multiple citations, including to drivers clocked at 102 mph and even 108 mph.

This isn't just about breaking the law. Speeding puts lives at risk. Please watch your speed, drive responsibly, and help us keep Laguna Hills safe for everyone.

OCTOBER 25, 2025

Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in Laguna Hills. During the investigation, deputies located illegal narcotics and drug paraphernalia, as well as stolen merchandise with security tags still attached, totaling over \$1,000 in value.

Three subjects were arrested in connection with the investigation. Two of the individuals also had outstanding warrants.

We'd like to thank our community for remaining vigilant. Together, our partnership helps keep Laguna Hills safe and strong! Friendly reminder: If you see something, say something!



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