



# Public Safety

## News and Tips

### Water Safety



## Make Water Safety a Priority



The weather is warming up and the school year will soon be coming to a close. Most likely you and your family will be spending more time around a pool, lake, or other body of water. **Before you take your first swim make sure to establish rules with your children.** The best thing you can do to help your family stay safe is to **enroll your child in age-appropriate swim lessons.** The City of Roseville offers swim lessons for children ages 6 months to 14 years old that focus on fun, safety and basic swimming skills. Adult lessons are also available at select pools. ([http://www.roseville.ca.us/parks/programs\\_n\\_classes/aquatics/swim\\_lessons.asp](http://www.roseville.ca.us/parks/programs_n_classes/aquatics/swim_lessons.asp))

Here are some water safety tips from the American Red Cross that you can share with your family.

- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- **Always swim with a buddy**, do not allow anyone to swim alone. This applies at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach.
- **Never leave a young child unattended** near water, and do not trust a child's life to another child. Teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- **Establish rules for your family and enforce them without fail.**

## How to Choose the Right Life Jacket

Today's life jackets come in a variety of shapes, sizes, colors and materials. They are technologically more advanced than the traditional orange ones of yesteryear. **Be sure to pick one that is right for YOU and/or your child** and make sure it is Coast Guard approved.

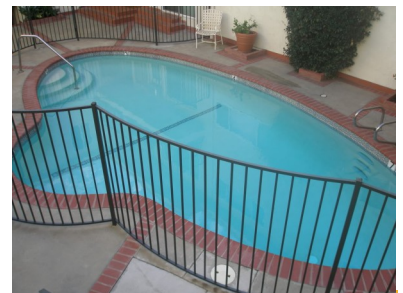
### Try It On—Your life may depend on it!

- Check the manufacturer's ratings for your size and weight.
- **Make sure the jacket is properly zipped or buckled.**
- Raise your arm straight up over your head while wearing your life jacket and ask a friend to grasp the tops of the arm openings, gently pulling up.
- If there is excess room above the openings and the jacket rides up over your chin or face, it does NOT fit properly. A snug fit in these areas signals a properly fitting life jacket.



### If a life jacket fits properly...

- It will keep your head above water.
- If it's too big, the life jacket will ride up around your face.
- If it's too small, it will not be able to keep your body afloat.
- Life jackets designed for adults will not work for children.



### Prevent Unsupervised Access to the Water

- Install and use barriers around your pool or hot tub. Safety cover and pool alarms should be added as additional protection.
- Ensure that pool barriers enclose the entire pool area, are at least 4-feet high with gates that are self-closing, self-latching, and open outward and away from the pool. The latch should be high enough to be out of a small child's reach.
- Remove any structures that provide access to the pool such as outdoor furniture, decorative walls, or playground equipment.
- Keep toys that are not in use away from the pool and out of sight. Toys can attract young children to the pool.

### Know What to Do in An Emergency

- If a child is missing, check the water first.
- Make sure everyone knows how and when to call **911**.
- If you own a pool or hot tub, have emergency equipment on hand such as a reaching tool or throwing equipment.
- Enroll in a first-aid and CPR course.

### Call 911 EMERGENCY IN PROGRESS

**NON-EMERGENCY**  
Fire (916) 774-5800  
Police (916)-774-5000  
Extension 1

**Police Department**  
1051 Junction Blvd.  
Roseville C A 95678  
(916) 774-5000  
[www.roseville.ca.us/police](http://www.roseville.ca.us/police)

**Fire Headquarters**  
401 Oak Street, Fire Station #1  
Roseville, CA 95678  
(916) 774-5800  
[www.roseville.ca.us/fire](http://www.roseville.ca.us/fire)

**Abandoned Vehicle Hotline**  
(916) 746-1022

**Alarms/Alarm Permits**  
(916) 774-5093

**Animal Control**  
(916)774-5090

**Community Events & Neighborhood Watch**  
(916) 774-5050

**Graffiti Abatement**  
(916) 746-1021

**Police news & crime alert emails:**  
[www.roseville.ca.us/notify](http://www.roseville.ca.us/notify)

**RCONA**  
(Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations)  
[www.RCONA.org](http://www.RCONA.org)





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## Summer Crime Prevention Tips



### Vacation Crime Prevention Tips

It's not summer yet, but school will be out for many at the end of the month and many families will think about vacation plans. Whether you are headed for the beach or the mountains, remember to take some precautions before you head out the door. Here are a few tips to keep in mind.

- **Don't advertise that you are leaving town.** Social media is a great way to share excitement with family and friends, but wait until after your trip. Don't broadcast to criminals where you are going and when you will be gone. Remind your children not to blog about family plans.
- **Create an illusion of occupancy.** While away, arrange for a trusted neighbor to pick up mail, newspapers, and door hangers.
- **Don't forget the lights. Put lights on timers now** so there can be an established look of occupancy.
- **Garage and windows-Keep your car locked and the windows shut even if is parked in the garage,** and take the keys out. If your house is broken into, there is no need in providing the thief with a car. You also force the thief to carry items out of a front or back door since your car is parked in the garage blocking an easy exit.
- **Don't forget your alarm.** Make sure a trusted neighbor has a house key and a way to shut off your alarm. In case of an emergency make sure a neighbor has your cell number or a way to get in contact with you.
- **Utilities.** If you are gone for an extended period of time you might want to turn the temperature down on your water heater, shut off the water to your washing machine, and turn down the volume of your answering machine.
- **House check.** Move all ladders, tools, lawn implements, and lawn mowers to your garage and storage shed. Put window shades in normal daytime position and make sure all main floor drapes, shades and curtains are arranged so neighbors and police can see into your house. Sign up for the Roseville Police department Vacation check at: <http://www.roseville.ca.us/civicax/inc/blobfetch.aspx?BlobID=10992> or search "Vacation Check Request" on the police website.



### Tips During the Warm Weather Months

We generally like to relax during the warm weather months, but criminals never take a vacation. Here are a few spring and summer crime prevention tips.

- **Keep trees and shrubs around your residence trimmed** so they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.
- **Lock and close your windows at night.** If you want to leave your windows open, use safety locks that prevent the window from being open more than a few inches.
- **At night** it is helpful to have the area around your residence well lit. Motion lights are an effective way to prevent unwanted guests near your home.
- **When you are out working in your yard** make sure all doors, your garage door and windows are **closed and locked**. This is especially true if you are in the front yard and the storage area is in the back. Carry a key with you to lock and unlock these doors.
- **Beware of home improvement scams.** Be alert to anyone in your neighborhood looking to perform home repair and asking to gain entry into your home.

The **ultimate goal of crime prevention is to reduce the risk of being a victim.** In order to do this effectively, it is important to remove opportunities for a criminal to take advantage of you or your property.



### Tips for Car Owners

Car break-ins are a common crime in Roseville. You can do your part in making your car a less likely target.

- Don't leave your keys in the vehicle even if you park your in the garage.
- Lock your vehicle and close your windows completely. Yes, it's easy to break a window, but that makes noise and can draw attention to the criminal.
- At home, if you have a garage park your vehicle in it.
- Don't leave your vehicle running in your driveway.
- Park in a well-lit area at night.
- Park in an area of high visibility and in a busy area.
- Keep your car tidy. What may be "junk" to you may be someone else's treasure.
- Don't leave a jacket or sweater in your car. A thief may think you are concealing something of value.
- Keep information such as the make, model, model year and license plate and VIN in an easily accessible place in case your car is stolen.
- If you see suspicious activity in and around a parking lot, call the police.



**Resources** American Red Cross, Other law enforcement agencies, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, AAA

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