



JACKSONVILLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMER SAFETY



Working with Citizens for a Safe Community

☀ Be alert and aware of the water conditions for the day and what each flag means

BEACH WARNING FLAGS	
	WATER CLOSED TO PUBLIC
	HIGH HAZARD HIGH SURF AND/OR STRONG CURRENTS
	MEDIUM HAZARD MODERATE SURF AND/OR CURRENTS
	LOW HAZARD CALM CONDITIONS EXERCISE CAUTION
	DANGEROUS MARINE LIFE

With the summer season just around the corner, most people will be preoccupied with just getting out of the house and going to the beach. Unfortunately, that is when we tend to forget safety precautions and/or we let down our guard in the excitement of the season.

The Jacksonville Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit wants this to be a safe and exciting summer season for all and reminds you to follow these safety tips so you can enjoy the summer!



- ☀ Always swim in designated areas and teach children to stay within sight of a lifeguard or adult
- ☀ Apply sunblock and reapply often
- ☀ Stay hydrated and drink plenty water
- ☀ Watch for signs of dehydration and overheating such as lightheadedness or nausea
- ☀ Bring protective clothing and an umbrella
- ☀ Use the buddy system – never swim alone!

- ☀ Keep your vehicle locked when it is parked and keep the keys away from the reach of children
- ☀ Emphasize that the vehicle is not a play area. It is very dangerous to play inside of a vehicle even if it is not running
- ☀ Place a stuffed animal in the front seat to remind you that you are not alone in the vehicle
- ☀ Place your purse, cell phone, or any other personal item you will have to take out the car in the backseat to be sure you check the area. Make a habit of opening the back doors of your vehicle every time you exit
- ☀ High temperatures affect animals too! Don't leave your pets in the car

- ☀ Double and triple check that your vehicle is locked
- ☀ Never leave valuable items in plain view. Always hide them or place in trunk
- ☀ Remember where you parked. Take note of landmarks or cross streets
- ☀ Avoid bringing unnecessary valuable items to the beach
- ☀ NEVER leave belongings unattended even for a second. Criminals will watch and wait for you to get up and then take your belongings
- ☀ When at the beach with children, teach them to stay close by and never run off alone
- ☀ Teach your children to find a lifeguard or police officer if they get lost. Also teach them basic personal family information

