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Suspicious persons / vehicles:

- Should anything suspicious come to your attention, call **1460** (if you are in Cyprus).
- If you are abroad, call the **European Emergency number 112** and be ready to give an accurate description.
- You will greatly facilitate investigations if you take down the registration numbers of suspicious vehicles.
- If you are abroad you must be always alert for suspicious movements. There are burglars there, too.



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Enjoy your holidays



**SECURITY TIPS
TO PREVENT THEFT
AND BURGLARY**



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Citizens should take their own preventive measures to protect their property against burglars in their place of residence. When on holidays, however, because they are living in a different environment, many of these measures cannot be implemented.

They must, therefore, be much more careful to avoid becoming a victim of burglary or theft.

In its effort to assist citizens, the police recommends, in addition to any other measures, the following:



1 Before you leave your house:

- Make it look as though your house is occupied.
- Set on your burglar alarm, as well as the CCTV if you have one.
- In case you do not own a safe, do not leave large sums of money or valuables in your house.
- Enlist the help of a neighbor, friend or relative to keep a regular eye on your property.



2 At a hotel / apartment:

- Prefer to book a property for your holidays that has a security policy for customers' belongings.
- When you leave the property, make sure the door of your room is firmly closed.
- Avoid leaving valuables in your room; keep them in the hotel safety box.
- Keep your money and credit cards in pockets that you can see.
- You should not carry all your money, credit cards and travel documents in your handbags.
- Keep your bag in front of you so that you can see it.

3 At the beach:



- Do not leave wallets, watches, cameras, cell phones or any other valuable personal belongings on the beach. If possible, lock them in the boot of your car.

4 Credit cards:



- Use of credit cards enables you to avoid carrying with you large sums of money.
- Be careful when you are out shopping. Before you sign your credit card slip make sure you sign for the correct amount. Be careful not to forget to get back your credit card or your receipt.
- When you use your credit card, at an ATM, avoid using your pin number in a way that others may see it. If you see anything suspicious on the ATM, do not use your credit card at that ATM.
- Should you lose your credit card or if it is withheld by the ATM machine, call your bank immediately.