



Vecinos Cooperando y Colaborando de España Neighbourhood Watch Association in Spain



WARM WEATHER ADVICE

The warmer weather is finally on its way and this is the time when we and our visitors tend to let our guard down, especially when relaxing in the sun or entertaining in our gardens.

PLEASE REMEMBER

1. Keep your gates shut and locked, when sat by the pool, sunbathing or using the BBQ, and if you cannot see the house doors keep them locked.
2. If you leave your windows open, especially at night, do not leave valuables or keys in sight where they can be picked up using a fishing rod.
3. The markets become more crowded making it easier for pickpockets to operate. Keep wallets and purses in a front pocket preferably one that is zipped or buttoned shut.
4. Ladies unless you really need it leave your handbag at home but if you take it with you carry it to the front of you. Be especially alert in crowded bars.
5. If going to the beach leave your valuables at home. Beach car parks are prime areas for thefts from cars. **DO NOT** leave items on view in your car, even a €5 note, and do not put items in your boot in full view of any watching thief.
6. Be wary of distraction thefts such as strangers asking for directions, pointing to supposed damage to your car or asking if a bank note on the floor is yours. This is simply to distract you whilst an accomplice steals your bag, wallet or cash. If you are at a cash point and feel uncomfortable walk away and use another one, similarly if you are in your car lock the doors and drive away or sound your horn.
7. If you have to take your passport with you for identification purposes then get it reduced and encapsulated in plastic at a Papelaria (paper shop) for approximately €2.50 and leave your passport at home