



Beach Safety

Every summer, people pack their bathing suits, sunscreen and flip flops for a trip to the beach. Regardless of how often you get to sink your toes into the sand, here are a few beach safety tips from the New York City Police Department's Crime Prevention Division to make sure you leave the beach with what you arrived with.

Never bring important documents to the beach.

- One is often faced with the difficult choice of having to leave valuables in a vehicle or on one's person. A wallet or purse containing personal identification and credit cards is a treasure trove of opportunity for a criminal. Such a theft can ruin more than your day at the beach, it has the potential to ruin one's identity and credit scores. If possible, leave them at home.

What you can do to improve your safety and protect your property:

- Leave your valuables at home.
- If you must bring personal items, don't leave them unattended.
- As a deterrent, it's always recommended to be in the company of others.
- Take turns going into the water. Make sure someone stays near the blanket to keep an eye on your property.

Driving to the beach?

- If you must drive, make a mental note of the location where you parked.
- Avoid parking your vehicle in an isolated and dimly lit area after dark.
- Important valuables should be left at home not in the vehicle.
- If property must be left in a vehicle don't leave in plain view.
- Secure your car keys.

Riding a bicycle to the beach?

- An unsecured, unwatched bicycle is just what a thief is looking for.
- Use a recommended locking system such as a kryptonite U lock or other Abus Locking mechanism.
- Keep your bike in view.
- Have your bicycle registered by a Crime Prevention Officer through the Operation Identification program at your local police precinct.

Stay safe and enjoy your summer!!!