



HANAHAN POLICE DEPARTMENT VACATION CHECK



This service is provided to residents who will be away from home and have no one else checking on or staying at their home (i.e. adult children returning for the weekend). If someone will be staying for part of the time you are gone you may submit a vacation request for the time that no one will be at your house.

You may schedule a Vacation Check to start in 24 hours. Scheduled time cannot last longer than four months. If you have any questions concerning this service, please call the Hanahan Police Department at (843) 747-5711.

An empty house is a tempting target for a burglar. Use this checklist of tips to help safeguard your home while you are away.

- Have good locks on all doors and windows and USE THEM! Secure storage sheds, attic entrances and gates.
- Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you are away. It is a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone number with a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Stop all deliveries, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake leaves and maintain the yard to give the home a lived-in look.
- Plug in timers to turn lights, a radio or television on and off at appropriate times. This helps to disguise the fact that you are away.
- Turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low. If a burglar is around, he will not be alerted to your absence by a ringing phone. Do not announce your absence on answering machine messages.
- Leave your blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position. Do not close them unless that is what you do when you are home.
- Close and lock garage doors and windows. Ask a neighbor to occasionally park in your driveway. If you leave your car at home, park it as you normally would. Vehicles parked outside should be moved occasionally to appear that they are being used.
- Let someone know the route you intend to travel and your itinerary. This will help authorities in locating you if there is a need to do so.

Staying alert to safety may make your vacation much more pleasant and enjoyable. Being a victim of a crime is no fun. RELAX, have FUN, and be SAFE!

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<p>Return Date _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Emergency Contact</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Does this person have keys? Yes No</p> <p>Is someone checking? Yes No</p> <p>Name: _____</p>		<p>Date Leaving _____</p> <p>Time _____</p> <p>Will the lights be left on? Yes No</p> <p>Will the lights be on a timer? Yes No</p> <p>Do you have lawn care? Yes No</p> <p>Is mail delivery stopped? Yes No</p> <p>Is newspaper delivery stopped? Yes No</p> <p>Do you have an alarm? Yes No</p> <p>Will animals be left on the premises? Yes No</p>
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It is with great pleasure that we serve you. Have an enjoyable vacation.