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SUMMER VACATION TIPS

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“THE GREAT SECRET OF POWER IS NEVER TO WILL TO DO MORE THAN YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH”

*BY: HENRIK IBSEN
(1828-1906)*

Summer vacation is a time to unwind and relax—to escape the pressures of everyday life. However, accidents, health problems, or crime can quickly make any dream getaway into a nightmare. As you arrange your summer travel plans, keep some of the following suggestions in mind.

Preventing Illness While Traveling: according to the Center for Disease Control, roughly 50% of international travelers become ill as a result of their vacation. To prevent yourself from becoming ill while traveling, take a few easy precautions:

Always pack important medications in your carry-on

bag. Consult your family physician to obtain the necessary vaccinations for the area of the world to which you plan to travel.

When dining, only eat foods that have been boiled, cooked, or peeled. Only drink bottled water or carbonated drinks. Remember that ice is often made with tap water, so you should avoid putting ice in drinks. Also, purchase emergency evacuation medical insurance if traveling to a developing country. For only around \$100, you can arrange helicopter and jet transportation to a US-



equivalent medical facility, should you become ill or have an accident. This type of insurance is often available from travel agencies.

Preventing Theft/Robbery: In many places, like New Orleans or the Caribbean, just to name a few, those who appear to be “from out of town” are often targeted for property crimes. Common-sense measures can

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LAKE RECREATIONAL RULES

BY JONATHAN BAILEY

It is UNLAWFUL for a person to OPERATE A BOAT OR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT:

At a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and

prudent;

So as to cause a hazardous wake, or any swell or wake within a “no wake” zone;

In a circular course around

fishermen or swimmers;

In a designated area for bathing, fishing, or swimming;

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SUMMER VACATION TIPS CONTINUED

reduce the likelihood that you will be victimized.

If you must bring valuable items with you, ask the front desk attendant to store them in the house safe behind the reception desk at your hotel. Hotels must provide room safes in most U.S. states, but the house safe generally offers better protection.

Carry currency in different forms. ATM/credit cards offer the best exchange rates and theft protection, but cash and travelers’ cheques may “save the day” if ATMs are not accessible, out of cash, or broken.

Never write your room number on your hotel key card, and do not store it in the jacket given to you at the

time of check-in. Hotel staff is a great source of advice for the safest ways to travel

within your destination city, and about any areas you should avoid.

Avoid wearing fanny packs, souvenir t-shirts, jewelry, expensive watches, cameras on straps, or other items that identify you as a tourist.

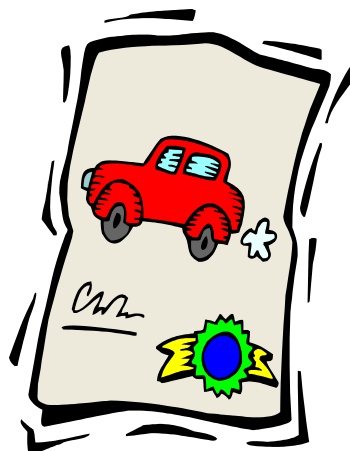
PROTECT YOURSELF

BY: STEPHEN HOWARD

Most of us don’t think about it when we sell or trade in a car, that we have the option to register the transfer of ownership ourselves at the Department of Transportation. The reason to do so is to protect yourself from the new owner of the vehicle from getting you into trouble. Every year or so we get at least one call from a person who received notice of unpaid parking tickets or a hit and run accident because the car they sold years ago was used in an illegal manner, by it’s new owner. If you sell or trade in a car, make sure the title gets taken out of your name as soon as possible. The Texas Department of Transportation (DOT) has a form, the “Texas Motor

Vehicle Transfer Notification” that you can file for a fee of \$5.00.

This document will mark the DOT records on the car that you are no longer the owner. The title will stay in your name until a new title is issued, but at least you will have put the state on notice, that you no longer own the car.



SUMMERTIME WORD FIND



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Beach	Lawn	Boat	Mosquitoes
Cook Out	Movies	Firefly	Shade
Fireworks	Skiing	Fishing	Sunglasses
Hot	Sun Tea	Ice	Swimming
Jet Ski	Tanning	Lake	Vacation

DOG BITE PREVENTION

BY: KATIE CARSE



Man's best friend bites over 4.7 million people every year. Experts believe that public education is the key to help prevent the majority of these bites. The American Veterinary Medical Association, the United States Post Office and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention work hard to educate Americans about prevention methods.

The rate of dog bite-related injuries is the highest in children aged 5 to 9 years old and is significantly higher in boys than girls. Also, the number of dog bites increases significantly from the months April to September, peaking in July.

Dog bites are a largely

preventable public health problem, and both adults and children can learn how to reduce their chances of being bitten. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention the following are some tips to teach children about safety around dogs:

- Do not approach an unfamiliar dog.
- Do not run from a dog and scream.
- Remain motionless (e.g., "be still like a tree") when approached by an unfamiliar dog.
- If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still (e.g., "be still like a log").

- Do not play with a dog unless supervised by an adult.
- Immediately report stray dogs or dogs displaying unusual behavior to an adult.
- Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.
- Do not disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.
- Do not pet a dog

without allowing it to see and sniff you first.

- If bitten, immediately report the bite to an adult.



DID YOU KNOW?
MAY 16-22 IS NATIONAL DOG BITE PREVENTION WEEK

LAKE RECREATIONAL RULES CONTINUED

For the purpose of waterskiing, surfboarding, or other similar activity between sunset and sunrise;

Without one wearable personal flotation device for each person on board;

Without requiring any child under 13 years of age to wear a personal flotation device (if the vessel is under 26 feet in length);

While towing another person without an observer other than the operator, unless equipped with a rearview mirror no less than 4 square inches;

In violation of the U.S. Coast Guard Inland Rules of the Road, and;

WHILE INTOXICATED (provisions identical to DWI).

It is also **UNLAWFUL** for a person **TO OPERATE A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT:**

Within 50 feet of another personal watercraft, boat, platform, person, object, or shoreline except at headway speed without creating a swell or wake;

For the purpose of jumping the wake of another vessel recklessly or unnecessarily close;

Without wearing a personal flotation device;

While under 13 years of age unless accompanied on board by a person at least 18 years of age.

DID YOU KNOW???

“THE RATE OF DOG BITE-RELATED INJURIES ARE THE HIGHEST IN CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 9 YEARS OLD, AND SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER IN BOYS.”

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