

The Police Directorate of Halkidiki **communicates**

**GENERAL SAFETY TIPS FOR CITIZENS CONCERNING THEFT & BURGLARY IN HOUSES, TOURIST ACCOMMODATIONS, RESTAURANTS & VEHICLES, FOR SAFE AND WITHOUT PROBLEMS VACATION IN HALKIDIKI**

- ✓ Before leaving your place of accommodation, make sure all doors and windows are properly locked. **Do not close them only by using window and door screens, because they can be easily opened.** If you realise that one of the above cannot be locked due to a technical damage, ask the owner/lessor to move you to another room or to repair the damage on the spot.
- ✓ **Do not leave windows and French doors open when sleeping, no matter which floor you are at.**
- ✓ **If you are planning on going out** at night, **you should avoid leaving the front door lights on.** It would be **better to leave the TV, the radio or an interior light on, using a timer**, if there is such an option in your place of accommodation.
- ✓ You should not leave the keys of your place hidden under mats, flowerpots or window ledges. Instead, you are advised to carry them with you when going out or leave them at the reception desk of the hotel or room.
- ✓ You should **not leave money, valuables**, expensive electronic devices (laptops, ipads, digital cameras, cellphones, etc.), vehicle keys and travelling documents (passports, ID cards, etc.) **in view in the entrance hall** or other places of the accommodation space. Instead, it would be preferable to carry them with you when going out. **In the case that the room or the reception desk have a safe box, you are advised to keep these items there.**
- ✓ **You should not leave the doors of your vehicle open nor should you leave inside the vehicle, in view,** (seats, dashboard, etc.) electronic devices, bag packs, clothing and other items that could be stolen.
- ✓ **On the beach, never leave personal items unattended** (wallet, glasses, cellphone, digital camera, keys).
- ✓ Try to avoid isolated areas and spaces that are not well-lit, especially at night.

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- ✓ **Never leave car or motorcycle keys on the vehicle, even if you are only leaving for a minute.**
- ✓ **Never carry cash, cellphones and travelling documents** (passports, ID cards) **in your pants pockets** or exterior pockets of your clothing, when you are in crowded places or when using public means of transport. It would be better **to carry them in your bag held in front of your body, making sure it remains closed.**
- ✓ **When in restaurants,** cafés or bars, avoid leaving cellphones, wallets, purses and other valuables in view on the table. Moreover, **be aware of people who approach you to sell items.**
- ✓ **Do not be easily persuaded by unknown people** approaching you either as acquaintances of relatives or to sell items, and trying to **convince you. They are using the method of distraction to steal valuable items or cash from you.**
- ✓ Use credit cards or regular ATM withdrawals for your payments. Before using the ATM, visually inspect the machine for possible skimming devices. Furthermore, it is preferable to memorise the PIN number of your ATM card. In any case, do not write the PIN on the card.
- ✓ To be able to respond quickly to any problems that might arise, you should have with you the telephone numbers that you could use in case of emergency (Police, Fire brigade, Hospital, close relatives, etc.).

In case you are involved as a victim in an incident or crime or in case you witness a crime, you should call the Police Emergency Response Centre of the Police Directorate of Chalkidiki (**Telephone Number “100”**) to report your problem.

**Hellenic Police is always by your side, to ensure your safety and to deal with any problem or issue that might occur.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.