



Public Safety Notification  
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## PUBLIC SAFETY NOTIFICATION - BURGLARY PREVENTION EFFORTS

### *REMINDER TO LOCK CARS DURING HOLIDAY SEASON*

#### CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH - BURGLARY PREVENTION EFFORTS

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office has stepped up beach patrols due to the holiday season and criminals looking for a "quick score." In addition to covert assets they have also had deputies checking for unlocked vehicles under their Vehicle Burglary Prevention Program.

In a recent check of 94 vehicles in Madeira Beach 24 were unlocked. This is a vehicle unlocked rate of 26% in our area.

Prevent crime by keeping your car safe from break-ins and thefts by;

- Parking in well-lit, traveled areas
- Keep valuables and gifts out of site in the trunk, and do not to leave them in the vehicle for long periods of time
- Don't leave your keys in the car while it is running
- Use a steering-wheel lock and/or car alarm to make your vehicle less attractive to thieves
- Ensure your doors are locked (and windows on child-lock) once everyone is inside to avoid unwanted visitors from entering your vehicle.

Please help remind your neighbors to secure their vehicles and to be responsible, Don't Drink and Drive.

The City of Madeira Beach wishes you all a safe and happy Holiday Season. Please contact Pinellas County Sheriff's Office with any questions at (727) 582-6200.

For more information about the City of Madeira Beach please visit [madeirabeachfl.gov](http://madeirabeachfl.gov)

If you would like more information about this topic or ongoing events and happenings in the City of Madeira Beach, please contact Miranda Patten at (727) 391-9951 or email at [mpatten@madeirabeachfl.gov](mailto:mpatten@madeirabeachfl.gov)