



**TARPON SPRINGS**  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# CRIMEWATCH NEWSLETTER

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# TARPON SPRINGS SHRED DAY



On June 19th, 2021 TSPD A.C.T.I.O.N. Unit held its first Shred Day Event at Tarpon Towers (905 MLK Jr Dr.) in Tarpon Springs.

Based on the turn out the event very successful event and most importantly assisted everyone participating in stopping identity theft. This three hour event brought 170+ vehicles and shredded over 7,000 lbs. of documents that would have otherwise been placed in the trash, unnecessarily stored somewhere at home or would have been very time consuming to dispose of or shred on their own.



TSPD would like to thank the following who made this event successful:

Tarpon Springs Crime Watch Directors:  
Michael Harrison - The Meadows MHP  
Michael Cloonan - Sun Valley MHP  
Brenda Maftowns - Sunset Shores MHP  
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# PROPERTY CRIME YOU CAN HELP PREVENT IT



## LOCK IT

Ensure your car doors and all doors to your residence are kept locked.



## REMOVE IT

Removing valuables from your car is better than hiding them. This includes garage door openers and spare keys.



## LIGHT IT

Leave exterior residence lights on at night or utilize motion detecting lights.



## CLOSE IT

Keep your garage door closed and double-check it is closed at night.



## HIDE IT

Keep valuables in your garage, car and home out of sight.

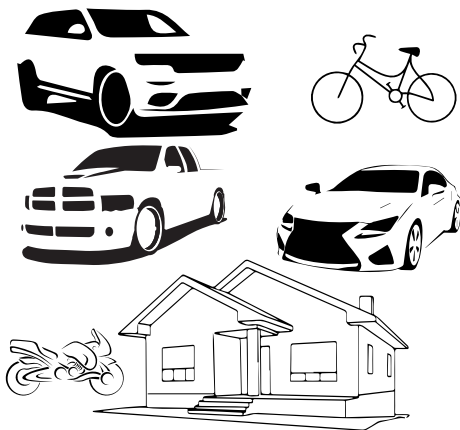


## REPORT IT

Report all criminal and suspicious activity immediately.

# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT R E M I N D E R

**IF YOU OWN ONE OF THESE  
OR SOMETHING SIMILAR**



**PLEASE USE ONE OF  
THESE TO LOCK IT**



**SO YOU WON'T HAVE TO  
CALL US TO REPORT THEM  
MISSING/STOLEN**



**TO KEEP THESE FROM  
DISAPPEARING OR  
BEING STOLEN**



**WE ALSO RECOMMEND NOT LEAVING  
FIREARMS, KEYS TO THE VEHICLE &  
GARAGE DOOR OPENERS  
IN YOUR VEHICLE**



Being prepared and knowing what to do for a disaster is critical for your health, safety and survival. Taking the first step by making a list of basic supplies and building a kit for you and your family can greatly benefit you should we experience severe weather hazards in our community.

Below is a list of supplies you should consider when building an Emergency Preparedness Kit:

- ☐ **Sanitation**—wipes, antibacterial hand gel, soap, toilet paper, hygiene supplies, feminine supplies, diapers. Cloth face covering- enough for each family member.
- ☐ **Water**—at least one gallon of water per person per day for drinking, and one gallon per person per day for hygiene and cooking.
- ☐ One-week supply of non-perishable food that does not require cooking, for example: dried fruit, canned tuna fish, peanut butter, etc. Remember comfort foods.
- ☐ Non-electric can opener.
- Medications** and copies of prescriptions (Ask your pharmacist for a printout).
- ☐ Rain gear.
- ☐ Flashlight or lantern.
- ☐ Battery-operated or hand-crank radio.
- ☐ Extra batteries.
- ☐ **First aid supplies**—over-the-counter pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medicine/laxative, antihistamine, anti-itch cream, antiseptic.
- ☐ Insect repellent.
- ☐ Extra batteries for medical devices such as hearing aids, etc.
- ☐ Eyeglasses and extra contact lenses.
- ☐ Extra bottled oxygen if dependent on it.
- ☐ Small generator for electrically dependent equipment like an oxygen concentrator or nebulizer.
- ☐ Cash for when ATMs are out of service—small bills will make purchasing easier.
- ☐ Emergency Access Permit (for beaches).
- ☐ Books, cards, board games for entertainment.
- ☐ Full tank of gas in vehicle.
- ☐ Cell phone with charger, extra battery backup, solar charger.
- ☐ Emergency contacts in mobile device and in print for backup.
- ☐ Information downloaded to your mobile device (contacts, maps).
- ☐ A paper map.
- ☐ Paper and pencil.
- ☐ Sunscreen.

For more information on emergency preparedness you can click on the ALERT Pinellas logo or go to

[www.pinellascounty.org/alertpinellas/](http://www.pinellascounty.org/alertpinellas/)

Emergency and Community Notification service for  
Pinellas County, Local Municipalities and the Sheriff's Office

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In emergencies, stay informed.





# Marina & Boating Safety

Boats can be a great source of summer fun and leisure. But, boaters, swimmers, and marina staff must be aware of dangers in and around the water. Electrical hazards and carbon monoxide (CO) bring unique risks to the boating world. Learn to protect people and pets from these dangers.

### ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Never allow swimming near the boat, marina, or launching ramp. Residual current could flow into the water from the boat or the marina's wiring. This can put anyone at risk of electrical shock drownings (ESD). Be sure your boat is well maintained. Have it inspected each year. Ask a qualified marine electrician to do this job. Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and equipment leakage circuit interrupters (ELCIs) should be installed and tested monthly. Run tests to find out if electrical current is leaking from the boat.

Only use cords intended for marine use. Never use household cords near water.

Know where your main breakers are on both the boat and the shore power source. This will help you respond quickly in an emergency.

### CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Poorly tuned engines produce more CO. Keep your engine properly maintained. Follow manufacturer's instructions for service.

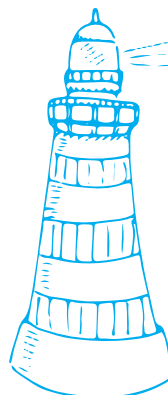
Proper ventilation for engine and generator exhaust vents must be clear and pipes should be inspected for leaks. Get into fresh air right away and get help if you feel symptoms of CO poisoning. These include headache, fatigue, confusion, dizziness, nausea, or seizures. The symptoms can be similar to seasickness. Assume it is CO exposure until you are sure the boat is safe.

Do not swim near the boat's exhaust vents. CO accumulates there.

Install CO alarms inside your boat. Test CO alarms before each trip.

Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.

If the CO alarm sounds, move to a fresh air location right away.



## KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrical shock drownings can occur when marina electrical systems leak electrical current into the water. Boats can also serve as the source of an electrical leakage. Leakage can cause a shock that can injure, disable, or kill a person.

Carbon Monoxide is a gas you cannot see, taste, or smell. It is often called the "invisible killer." CO is created when fuels such as gasoline, diesel, or propane do not burn fully. CO is also produced when wood or charcoal is burned.

Sources of CO on your boat may include engines, gas generators, and cooking ranges. Space and water heaters can also be sources of CO. CO can collect anywhere in or around a boat. The gas is harmful to both people and to pets.

## FACT

**CO can remain in or around your boat at unsafe levels even if the engine has been turned off.**



**Your Source for SAFETY Information**

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Fire Rescue**

