

## *June - July Monthly Safety Message: Summer Safety*

The La Crosse Area Tri-Campus Alliance recognizes the importance of collaborating to promote summer safety. Summertime is upon us; school is out, and our lives are busy with many summertime activities and outdoor fun. From time to time, we tend to forget and overlook things because we are so busy. The La Crosse Area Tri-Campus Alliance would like to remind everyone of some general tips to help you stay safe and protect your property this summer.

### **Home Safety Tips**

- Keep doors in your home closed and locked including your garage doors. An open door is an invitation.
- Be a good neighbor and alert police to any unusual activity in your neighborhood.
- Plan for vacation by having your mail and newspapers stopped or having a neighbor pick them up. Leave inside lights on or on a timer to create the impression that your house is occupied.
- Don't post on social media that you are leaving town and wait to post photos after you return from your trip.
- Record the make/model/serial number of personal items, ie; bicycles, and keep them in a safe place. You can even take pictures of the serial numbers. This is in case of theft, fire, weather damage and for insurance-related purposes.
- Register your bicycle online through the La Crosse Police Department.



### **Vehicle Safety Tips**

- Always lock your doors and roll up your windows when you leave your car.
- Do not leave valuables in the car. If you must leave prized possessions in your vehicle keep them out of sight or hidden in the trunk.

### **Driving Safety Tips**

- Be alert for children playing in neighborhoods and residential areas. Young children may be more concerned about catching a ball that rolls into the street than watching for vehicles coming toward them.
- Also, drive safely and be alert for pedestrians and bicyclists who are out enjoying the summer weather.

### **If you need assistance, please call:**

**UW-La Crosse Police Department**  
Non-Emergency Dispatch: 608-789-9000

**Western Technical College**  
Non-Emergency Dispatch: 608-785-9191

**Viterbo University**  
Campus Safety and Security Office: 608-796-3911

**La Crosse Police Department**  
Non-Emergency Dispatch: 608-782-7575

