



# Wackenhut

## Security Tips

By Patrick Glynn

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The Sheriff's Office continues to remind us that the biggest problem they are still having is with unlocked vehicles and people leaving valuables inside. Where have I heard that before? The second problem is leaving a purse or wallet under the seat when you stop to drop off your child at day care or go to the gym. Be aware of your surroundings. There have been a number of our residents who have lost items and cash from their vehicles. Ninety-five (95%) percent of those vehicles were either left unlocked or something of value was in plain view. The sheriff's office aided by Wackenhut has arrested residents of our community for many of these crimes.

### Outside Services

It is hurricane season again and we are alerting you to be careful of who you hire to do your preparations or repairs. When you hire someone to do work in or around your home, whether licensed or not, ask for identification and keep a copy of that identification. If you are hiring someone with a "green card,"<sup>2</sup> make a copy of that card and additional identification. You can even request that domestic help be fingerprinted. Anyone who does not want to give you this information shouldn't be hired. Every year there are hundreds of cases where something is missing from someone's home and all that is known about the person working (who, by the way, is usually given the security code) is his/her first name not the last name or a telephone number or address. Please

be cautious. If you have an elderly relative under your care, either living with you or apart, be certain to obtain all caregiver information and even run background and social security checks to see if the name matches.

### Speeding

Children are out of school. Not only might they dart out in front of you, but they could also be sitting in the middle of the road. And beside the children, there are numerous walkers and joggers moving through the community on the roadways. Drivers need to be very cautious when traveling through our neighborhoods.

### House Alarms

Notify your alarm company to call Wackenhut in case of an alarm. Wackenhut provides this service free and you will not be penalized for false alarm calls. And, have your alarms checked to make sure they are working properly.

### House Checks

If you will be going out of town, you might want to call Wackenhut and ask them to check your home. This service is provided for a maximum of 30 days.

### Do You Know Where Your Pet Is? Do You Know Your Pet Is Disturbing Your Neighbors When You Are Not Home?

Are you getting tired of hearing about this? Too many dogs are running loose in the community. Make sure all gates, fences and screens are secured. We do not enjoy finding dogs and cats hit by cars on our roadways.

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Please make sure you know where your pet is.

Many pets are left on the patios or in the yards while you are away for the day. Your pet may be very mild-mannered when you are around but not when it is left alone. We have too many complaints of dogs barking all day and becoming aggressive when someone walks by the yard when they are alone. Some chains are so long that the animal can actually reach the sidewalk. You are responsible for the behavior of your pet. Any pet that becomes aggressive toward anyone, including another pet, will be removed from the community.

Although you may not enjoy hearing the jingle of the collar and dog tags it is important that your pet wear them at all times because when your pet runs away from home, it would be easier for us to call you than call animal control. If you take your pet out it must be leashed.

## Security Reminders

- **Keep your garage door closed, at all times, unless you're inside it.**
- **Lock the door between your garage and your house.**
- **If you have an alarm, remember to set it when you go out and before you go to bed.**
- **Have your alarm company notify Wackenhut when your alarm goes off.**
- **Lock your vehicle even during the day.**
- **If you see someone suspicious call PBSO or Wackenhut or both.**
- **If you are a victim of a crime, in addition to calling PBSO, please notify Wackenhut.**
- **Please leash your pets.**
- **Please clean up after your pets.**
- **Don't drink and drive.**
- **Don't let your kids drink and drive.**



# Email Basics

By Al Jackson



The use of email has grown rapidly in recent years with the growth of internet access, because it's free, instant and easy. People have found value in being able to send a short note to the President in Washington, the boss at work or a relative across the country on any day and at any time of the day.

**Email address structure** - An email address has a user name, an at sign (@) and a domain name. The domain name has two or more names separated by a period, and is the name to the right of the @ in an email address. example@aol.com. Some domain names have different words, separated by periods, that indicate different levels of organization.

## Domains

.com - commercial business, a company, such as yahoo.com

.net - usually a network provider or ISP earthlink.net

.gov - U.S. governmental agency, such as firstgov.gov

.edu - U.S. educational institution, such as fau.edu

.org - non-profit organization, such as loggersrun.org

## Email accounts

Internet service providers (ISP) offer from one to 8 or 9 email accounts. Many users have an email for business and an email for personal matters. There are also a number of free web-based email services. Some of the better known ones are Yahoo, Hotmail, Bigfoot, Netscape, Pandamail, Gmail.

## Terminology

**spam** - Unsolicited email sent to many people simultaneously.

**bounce** - A message that was returned to the sender, usually because the email address was incorrect.

**distribution list** - A single email address that resends to multiple email addresses, also called email lists or listservs.

**bot** - A program that acts on behalf of and in place of a remote human (from roBOT).

**mailbot** - A program that automatically replies to email.

**listbot** - A program that manages distribution lists. Also called a listserv.

**post** - Send to a distribution list or Usenet newsgroup.

**flame** - An electronic message that is particularly hostile.

**lurk** - To read messages anonymously (in either a mailing list or Usenet newsgroup) without posting.

**ping** - Test to see if the other person is there/awake/available.

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