



# Garland Police Department Summer Safety Tips For Kids and Parents

## KNOW YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

- We are in front of youth groups and schools on a weekly basis and are shocked by the amount of kids who have not memorized their home address and a phone number for their parent or guardian.
- Creating a game or reward system to encourage your child to learn his/her home address and a contact phone number for at least one parent or guardian can help and is fun. **The complete address, including an apartment number is essential.**
- With technology today, many parents do not have a home phone and most children know how to contact a parent by pressing “Mom” or “Dad” in their phone contacts. **It is important for them to know the actual phone number by heart.**

## HOME ALONE

- If you allow your teen to be home alone for the summer, encourage them to respond to a knock at the door and not “remain silent”.
- Practice or rehearse a response through the door such as “My dad is in the shower” or “Come back later, my mom is on a conference call” or invent your own response.
- **Remaining silent can lead the burglar to believe the home is an unoccupied target!**

## CURFEW

- With a few exceptions, the City of Garland has a curfew ordinance that affects those under the age of 17 and is enforced by the Garland Police Department.

Here are a few details concerning Curfew Ordinance 26.10 -

**Hours of Curfew:**                    **11:00pm – 6:00am (Sunday – Thursday)**  
   **12:01am – 6:00am (Friday night and Saturday night)**

Who can be penalized for Curfew Violations?

- The minor
- The parent – if they knowingly permit or by insufficient control allow the minor to remain in a public place or premises of an establishment
- The owner, operator, or employee of an establishment if they knowingly allow a minor to remain at the premises during curfew hours.

**For more info or safety concerns contact:**

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