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Mountain View		
Assault-1	Anthurium Street	
Thefts-7	Ohia Ave South Road North Ala Road Hwy11/22MM (Rocking Horse Ranch) Old Volcano Road (Village Propane) Anthurium Street Koloa Maoli Road	
Burglary-6	North Ala Road Amakihi Street Kolika Road Huina Road Hibiscus Road Kukui Camp Road	
Unauthorized Control of a Propelled Vehicle-3	Liona Street Ohia Ave Mailenani Road	
Major TC-1	Volcano Road (Hirano Store)	
Unauthorzed Entry into a Motor Vehicle-1	Kukui Camp Road	

Kurtistown	
Theft-3	Momona Road Volcano Road (J Hara Store) Kurtistown 7-11



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Volcano		
Assault –1	Ala Naualani Rd	
Burglary-3	Haunani Road (Volcano Store) Old Volcano Road (Kilauea Lodge) 12th Street	
Thefts-4	Volcano Road (Akatsuka Orchids) Old Volcano Road (VAS) Pa Alii Street Alaohia Street	

	Keaau	
	Nedau	
Assault-12	38th Ave/Orchidland Drive 38th Ave/Orchidland Drive Keaau Intermediate Keaau Intermediate Keaau 7-11 Keaau Pahoa Rd (Keaau High School) Orchidland Drive 11th Ave 11th Ave 14th Ave 14th Ave	
Burglary-5	Orchidland Drive Keaau Pahoa Road 31st Ave 28th Ave Tiki Road	
Theft-16	Mikahala Street Aulii Street/40th Ave Milo Street 21st Ave Old Volcano Road 34th Ave 34th Ave Milo Street/ Railroad Ave 5th Ave Paradise Alakai Drive Huina Road Orchidland Drive Orchidland Drive/38th Ave 17th Ave Kalara Street (Hawaii Paper Products) Old Volcano Road	







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Keaau Continued	
Unauthorized Control Of a Propelled Vehicle-4	Volcano Road (Shipman Park) 4th Ave Keaau Pahoa Road Milo Street
Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle-6	Momona Road Kaloli Drive/Beach Road 4th Ave Orchidland Drive/38th Ave 26th Ave Old Volcano Road
Major TC-7	25th Ave Hwy 130/Paradise Drive Hwy 130/Kaloli Drive Keaau 7-11 Keaau Pahoa Road/30th Ave Hwy 130/4MM Kukula Street/Keaau Bypass Road Shower Drive/ 27th Ave

Pahoa	
Assault-16	Opakapaka Street Gardenia Drive Awa Street Awa Street Oceanview Parkway Kuhio Drive Kuhio Drive Pahoa Kalapana Rd (Kaimu Korner Store) Kalapana Kapoho Rd Kona St Kapu Lane Kehena Beach Estates Pahoa Village Road Kahokumaka Loop Pahoa Kalapana Road (Star of Sea)
Burglary-5	South Road Pahoa Kalapana Road Maunakea Road Alapai Street Alapai Street





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Unauthorized Control of a Propelled Vehicle-4	Treefern Drive Pahoa Village Road Kona Road Kamaili Road	
Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle-6	Ainaloa Drvie Treefern Drive Kuhio Drive Sandalwood Drive Sandalwood Drive Lava Tree State Park	
Major TC-3	King Kamehameha Blvd Leilani Ave/ Pahoa Kalapana Road Ainaloa Blvd/Lehua Drive	
Thefts-19	Keaau Pahoa Road/Ainaloa Blvd Forest Road Mauna Kea Road Pualaa Road Pualaa Road Seaview Road Sandalwood Drive Cottage Cir Kalapana Street Forest Road Pahoa Village Road Puni Mauka Loop Maile Street Pahoa Kapoho Road/Gov Beach Road Akeakamai Loop Maile street Pahoa Village Road (Malama Market) Pahoa Kalapana Road East Pohakupele Loop	



TOGETHER WE ALL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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TRANSFER

Captain John BRISKI

Captain John BRISKI was transferred to our Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) and will be working out of Hilo. Captain BRISKI served as the Puna Patrol Commander where he did an

outstanding job in the service to the community and to the Officers that served under him. We would like to thank him on a job well done and wish him best of luck in his future endeavors



GOOD LUCK SIR



PROMOTION

Captain Scott AMARAL

We would like to welcome Captain Scott AMARAL who has been recently promoted to Puna Patrol as our new Commander. He most recently served as a lieutenant in Records, previously worked as a lieutenant in

South Hilo Patrol, detective in the Office of Professional Standards, detective in the Area I (Hilo) Criminal Investigation Section, detective in the Area I (Hilo) Juvenile Aid Section, Community Policing Officer in Puna, with patrol officer assignments in the Puna and Kau districts, and an initial cellblock assignment in Kona.

WELCOME SIR



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Summer is finally here and most of us who have been quarantined for months are itching to get outside and enjoy summer activities. But the constant threat of contracting or spreading COVID-19 is still looming over us. Though some places are beginning to reopen, the virus is not gone and there are still important safety guidelines that you should keep in mind.

As a general rule, the more time that you spend in close spaces with multiple people, the higher your risk for contracting COVID-19. So, before you venture out, consider a few things:

- How many people will be there?
- Can you keep at least 6 feet between you and the other people in your party?
- Will everyone be wearing masks?
- How long will you be around everyone?

Low Risk Activities

Staying physically active is one of the best things you can do for your mental health. Visiting parks, trails and other open outdoor areas are great ways to stay active while still staying six feet apart. However, before going out, the CDC recommends choosing to visit less popular outdoor areas, where there is limited sharing of items. So, though playgrounds, beaches and public pools are reopening, these are still areas of greater risk. It may also be a good idea to check with the facility you are visiting to see if public restrooms are available and how often they are cleaned and disinfected.



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Outdoor exercising is another safe way to blow off steam. Running is low risk as long as you are aware of your surroundings and keep off crowded paths. Sports like golf or tennis are some other great choices because there is no physical contact. The CDC still recommends avoiding sports like soccer, football or basketball where you may come in close contact with an infected, asymptomatic individual.

Picnics and backyard meet-ups are low risk due to being outdoors and able to space out so everyone can maintain social distancing and bring their own serving ware, food and beverages. Use visual reminders, like signs or chair arrangements to help remind you to keep a safe space from others.

Looking to take a trip? Any travel can be risky, but if you are going stir crazy at home, experts agree that camping as one of the less risky things you can do. Since you're outdoors and isolated there is less risk of infection. Traveling to your personal vacation home with just your family or a selected group that has been quarantining can also be a good option if outdoor living is not your thing.

Medium Risk Activities

Going out to eat is something that many of us enjoy and are excited to be able to do again. As businesses reopen, many restaurants are taking precautions to be able to serve patrons with reduced risk of infection. In addition, many restaurants are switching to virtual menus and single-use condiments to prevent sharing surfaces that may spread the disease. Before going out to eat, ensure that the restaurant is spacing out seating, requiring servers to wear masks and offering easy access to hand-washing stations. Indoor dining has a higher risk than outdoor dining, so check to see if eating outdoors is an option at your favorite spot.

High Risk Activities

There are still a bunch of activities that you should probably avoid. It is still a risky choice to go to the bar or out to a dance club. Instead, try a brewery with outdoor seating or host a socially-distanced dance party in your backyard. Any activity with a large crowd of people drinking can be dangerous as alcohol lowers inhibitions and people can forget about maintaining social distance.



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In fact, the more people that are in one space, the more likely someone is infected, so crowded places like malls should still be avoided as well. Public transportation also offers a social distancing challenge, so travel should be limited to essential only.

No matter what you choose to do, before going out it is a good idea to consult the CDC tracker. Here you can get the most up-to-date information about your area. Everyone should continue to practice everyday prevention. In addition, it is always important to keep a cloth face covering, tissues, and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol on hand at all times.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

At this time, however, hospitals and urgent cares are typically bracing for what they call "trauma season." Emergency rooms often see twice the number of injuries and trauma they see in winter, with the most common injuries being car crashes, severe sunburn, water-sports injuries, dehydration, heat exhaustion and falls.

And of course, COVID-19 is still a concern.

So, what activities are safe for you and your family? Deciding what you're comfortable with is a personal decision, made to protect yourself and the people you love. But if you're ready for an outdoor adventure, here's how you can stay safe this summer.

- To lower risk of COVID-19, steer clear of peak times at the beach or pool. It's best to enjoy early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Keep six feet of distance, and know that if you can't do that safely, it's time to head home. In all other public places, we suggest you still wear a mask, wash your hands regularly and practice social distancing.
- To stop dehydration, water is your best drink of choice. Do not wait until
 you are thirsty. Drink plenty of water during activity especially in warm
 weather. Avoid too much alcohol and caffeine. Eat fruits and vegetables
 which have a lot of water, such as watermelon, strawberries, grapefruit,
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- Use high SPF sunscreen to protect against sunburn. Reapply sunscreen
 often especially if you are sweating or doing activities in the water. Stay in
 the shade during peak hours (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Keep children in the
 shade as much as possible. Cover your skin and wear a hat.
- Limit physical activity during the hottest peak hours of the day to reduce risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Get used to the hot weather by slowly increasing the time you spend outside.
- To avoid water-related injuries, always bring a buddy when engaging in water sports. And follow the lifeguards' instructions. If you have children, make sure an adult is supervising. Get used to the temperature difference in and out of the water. Don't drink alcoholic beverages before water activities.
- To avoid road trip troubles, make sure all car upkeep is done before you leave. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination and drive during off-peak hours. With COVID-19 still spreading, try to limit your stops at public restrooms. Bring cleaning supplies (like disinfectant wipes) and snacks (rather than eating at restaurants). Last, but certainly not least, if you'll be staying with friends or extended family, talk it over together. Best case scenario: You all agree to limit your exposure in the weeks ahead of your adventure.







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SUMMER SNACKS



How to Make Strawberry Banana Sorbet

One of the reasons we love sorbet is because it is one of the easiest recipes to make in the entire world. Yes – the world. This is a great recipe to make when your fruit is very ripe and very sweet. There is no added sugar and so the more ripe your fruit, the sweeter your sorbet will be.

- Slice your strawberries and bananas and lay flat on a baking sheet. Freeze for an hour or so until they are mostly frozen through. If you forget about it and they freeze solid, just leave them on your counter for about 15 minutes before you want to start making your sorbet.
- Place strawberries, banana and a squeeze of lemon in a blender or food processor. Pulse until mixture begins to combine and looks like small pebbles. Then blend together until smooth and creamy.
- You can serve it right then and it will have the most amazing texture. If you aren't ready to serve it, then place in an airtight container and freeze until you are ready to eat it!

Strawberry Banana Combination

Bananas are sweet and creamy and so they are the perfect balance to tart and more firm strawberries. The different flavors of these fruits blend so good with each other, especially in a frozen dessert. If your fruit isn't very ripe, you can add a little bit of honey to the mixture to sweeten it up a bit.



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HOT CAR SAFETY FOR CHILDREN AND PETS

Over the past 20 years, over 200 children have died from heatstroke's in hot cars. Here's what you can do to keep your kids and pets safe. It all starts with looking before you lock and leave your car.

Leaving children and pets in a car unattended can be dangerous — even deadly. Unfortunately, despite countless messages and campaigns from experts children are left in cars, sometimes on purpose. It doesn't take long for a few seconds in a car alone to become fatal. Here's what you need to know to avoid the unthinkable with your child or pet.

HOT CAR CHILD DEATHS STATS AND FACTS TO CONSIDER

According to the National Safety Council, the number of children dying from being left in hot cars is rising. In fact, 2018 was the deadliest year over the past two decades. Here are some other statistics to consider.

- 53.8% of children are forgotten.
- 26.3% of children get access to the car without the adult knowing.
- 18.6% knowingly left a child in the car.
- 24% of deaths occur in company parking lots when adults were at work.

Since 1998, more than 200 children have died from vehicular heatstroke's. Unfortunately, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHSTA), 75% of hot car deaths in children happen to kids under the age of two. And nearly half of deaths happen when a parent forgot to drop the child off at daycare.

How Hot Car Deaths Happen

Hot car deaths often stem from heatstroke's — when the body cannot cool itself down fast enough. Deaths can happen when the child's body reaches 107 degrees Fahrenheit. According to Healthy Children, heatstroke's are the no. 1 cause of non-crash vehicle deaths for children under the age of 15.



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Findings from Parents.com show that children's bodies get hotter faster than adults' do. It's important to remember that heatstroke's don't only happen when it's scorching outside: They can accord in outdoor temperatures as low as 57 degrees Fahrenheit, Healthy Children reports. And it only takes 10 minutes for a car to become hot enough for a heatstroke — increasing up to 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Many think that cracking a car window helps, but it actually does very little to reduce the rising body and car temperatures.

How to Prevent Child Deaths in Hot Cars

Child hot car deaths are 100% preventable if you follow these simple tips each time you get out of the car.

- Never leave a child alone in a car for even a second.
- Look before you leave. Put your purse, wallet or other valuables in the backseat to make sure you have a reason to reach back before you leave.
- Be especially careful when you're in someone else's car or you're in another person's car, which could change your routine of looking before you leave.
- Make sure your cars are locked to prevent children from getting back in the car without you knowing.
- Keep your keys out of children's reach to prevent them from unlocking the car and getting back in.

What to Do if You See a Child Alone in a Car

If you see a child alone in a car do not ignore them. Following these simple steps right away can save a life.

If the child seems okay, stay with the child. Call inside the store or ask someone to get a store manager for assistance in locating the parents over the intercom with a description of the car.

If the child is nonresponsive or in any pain call 9-1-1 immediately. Try to get the child out of the car by any means necessary. Try to cool the child down with cool water on their skin.



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Hot Car Safety Goes for Pets, Too

Pets left alone in a hot car are also in danger. In fact, PETA shared that leaving them unattended in a hot car can lead to brain damage from heatstroke in

less than 15 minutes. Even though it might be cooler outside, temperatures inside a car can increase in a matter of minutes.

If you see a pet in a car, the Humane Society recommends following similar recommendations as responding to children. If the pet is unresponsive or in pain call the police non-emergency line or

your local animal control department for immediate help. Don't leave the car until the owner or help arrives.

Instead of leaving your pet unattended, consider leaving them at home while you run errands. If you'd like to bring them along for pet-friendly activities follow the same recommendation for leaving children: look in the back seat before you lock and leave your car. Consider putting a leash or your purse in the back seat as a reminder.

State Laws for Leaving Children and Pets in Hot Cars

If you see a nonresponsive child in a car and need to get them out, there are laws in some states to protect you from legal action. Most states have a Good Samaritan Law for bystanders to rescue children and pets from hot cars without worrying about a lawsuit.

But in the unfortunate case that you leave a child or pet in a hot car, there are severe consequences. The No Heat Stroke campaign shared the most recent laws for each state, and leaving a child unattended can result in hefty fines or felony charges.



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Is it Ever Safe to Leave Pets or Children in the Car?

No. Leaving pets or children unattended in a car is far too risky for their health and safety. Remember to always look before you leave and create a routine that requires you to check the backseat before you leave. Temperatures can rise quickly and the signs aren't always clear that they're OK. Never leave a child or pet unattended in your car for any amount of time.

Immediate action is therefore critical when a child or domestic animal is trapped in the heat inside of a motor vehicle. Currently, section 291C-121.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, makes it a traffic violation to leave a child unattended in a motor vehicle for five minutes or longer and provides immunity from civil liability for first responders who remove an unattended child from a motor vehicle to address a physical danger. However, first responders may not always reach the motor vehicle in time to rescue an unattended child from a motor vehicle. Further, the law does not address situations in which a domestic animal is left unattended in a motor vehicle.

The purpose of this Act is to amend the violation of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle to:

- (1) Include domestic animals left unattended in motor vehicles; and
- (2) Expand the immunity from civil liability for first responders who remove unattended children from motor vehicles, to include any person who, after summoning first responders, removes an unattended child or domestic animal from a motor vehicle to address an imminent danger requiring immediate action.





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HURRICANE SEASON



June 1 kicks off hurricane season. They anticipate two to five tropical cyclones for the Central Pacific region.

While the forecast is lower than last year, it is important to prepare now.

"As we have experienced in previous hurricane seasons, it only takes one direct hit, or even a close call, to have a major impact on daily life here in the Hawaiian Islands," said Chris Brenchley, director of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Central Pacific Hurricane Center. "Take time to prepare now. Make a preparedness plan so that you and your family stay healthy and safe."

Hurricane season in Hawai'i occurs roughly between June 1 and November 30.

The Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency has a page with tips and resources.

University of Hawai'i community members can take part in virtual Hurricane Preparedness Workshops throughout the summer. Visit the site to register.

Take Action to Prepare for Hurricane Season

On May 19, 2021, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced its outlook for the Central Pacific Hurricane Season, predicting 2-5 tropical cyclones for the season which begins Tuesday, June 1, 2021 and continues through Nov. 30, 2021.

Last year, Hurricane Douglas passed dangerously close to the entire state bringing with it heavy rains and strong winds to some areas, Hawai`i was fortunate that damage was minimal and no lives were lost.

"Each year is a new opportunity to prepare ourselves for the many hazards we face in Hawai`i. Actions we take with our family and friends can help reduce



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the impacts that will come during this hurricane season," Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) Administrator Luke Meyers, said.

It only takes one storm to cause significant loss of life and damage to property and the environment. The HI-EMA encourages residents to prepare now for a storm that could occur at any time.

The following six actions have been proven to help people be better prepared, and in turn, be safer and more resilient before, during, and after a hurricane.

Action 1: Know your hazards where you live, work, and play.

Are there trees, large loose objects, or other features that can blow over, causing damage to your property or injuring a person? Are there areas that collect water or are prone to flooding or sliding? Take a moment to look around and know where and what the hazards are including checking to ensure your gas pipes are in good condition and that any potential fire hazards are cleared from the space around your home.

Action 2: Sign up for county alerts.

Get up-to-date emergency alerts in your county. More information about alert sign-ups can be found here.

Action 3: Develop a plan for you and your family.

Set aside some time to gather with your family and create or go over your emergency family plan. Be sure the plan includes things like a safe and accessible meeting place if you need to reunite, the location of your nearest shelter or hurricane refuge area if you need to evacuate, and a communications plan for how you will let other family members know you are safe. And don't forget to be mindful of your family members, pets, and neighbors who may need assistance.



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Action 4: Prepare an emergency kit.

A good emergency kit will include supplies needed to be on your own for at least two weeks, including the following items.

- Water One gallon per person, per day.
- · Non-perishable food.
- A manual can opener.
- First aid kit.
- Medications and/or special medical equipment such as an inhaler or epi pen.
- A battery-operated or crank radio.
- Extra batteries.
- Warm clothes and sturdy shoes.
- Personal hygiene items.
- Toilet paper.
- · Pets supplies.
- · A fire extinguisher.
- Identification and important documents sealed in water proof plastic bag.
- Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer.
- Pet supplies.
- Comfort and entertainment items.
- Charging cords for personal electronic devices.

In addition to a 14-day emergency kit, have a go-bag ready for work and your vehicle, including car tools.

Always remember to store potentially dangerous items such as gas or propane tanks in a safe, dry place out of reach of children.

Action 5: Consider flood and/or hurricane insurance.

We can't control storms, but we can have a little more peace of mind about our property by purchasing insurance.

The following is a public service announcement from Meyers regarding flood insurance.



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"Planning for hurricane season can be stressful, but preparing now can keep your family and your home safe. This is the season of high winds and heavy rains, and the damage caused by just an inch of flood water in your home will cost a lot to fix. Flood insurance will help you repair that damage faster. Protect yourself and your family. Visit floodsmart.gov/hawaii today."

Action 6: Take steps to strengthen your home against severe weather.

Assess and consider a hurricane retrofit or hurricane clips. Protecting your property from the damaging effects of hurricane-force winds and other natural hazards is a proactive way to keep you safer and more resilient. If your home is safe and sound after a tropical storm system, this will aid in response and recovery efforts for you, your 'ohana, and your neighbors.

"As we continue as a whole community to battle COVID-19 in addition to the 2021 hurricane season, it is important take time to refresh mentally, and be ready for whatever impacts might come our way. A collection of individual decisions to be better prepared will increase the resiliency of Hawai'i and make a safer place for us to live, work, and play," Meyers said.





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