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Account Update Policy:

Basically, changes of any kind must be made in writing. A telephone followup to verify your identity with your passcode will then occur *before* changes take effect.

Plan accordingly for contact list updates, or your personal contact information.

Changes can be made via mail, email, the website, or at the main office in Anchorage. Expect a phone call verification of these changes!

It's our policy to protect your account at all times. Update online at <https://www.guardiansecuritysystems.com/support/update-emergency-contact-list/>

Playing it Safe

The snow is gone and yards are showing signs of green. It is time to get the landscaping spiffed up and switch gears from winter to summer.

Now that the weather has warmed up, people are enjoying warmer temperatures and coming outside. Everywhere we look, joggers, bike riders, and walkers are using bike paths and walking trails and also sharing the roads.

As we make the transition to the active, long days of summer, it is important to be extra vigilant in observing pedestrians and bike riders.

Parents, teach children to watch for cars backing up, especially larger vehicles such as trucks and SUVs that may have difficulty seeing a smaller person. Always outfit children using bicycles, roller blades or

skateboards with a properly fitting helmet.

According to the National Safe Kids Foundation, 75% of fatal head injuries suffered by child bicyclists could have been prevented by the use of a helmet.

In fact, Anchorage city ordinance makes it illegal for a child under 15 to ride a bicycle without a helmet.

Helmets can be obtained free of charge. Providence Hospital provides helmets, ensuring a proper fit so they work as intended.

Distribution sites and schedules for the bike helmet program can be found at www.anchoragebikehelmets.org.

Summer in Alaska is the season for playing hard. At Guardian, safety is our first concern. Play it safe!

Wacky May Holidays

Guardian offers:

***local monitoring by a local company**

***24/7 monitoring of your home or business**

***free training on all system components**

***video surveillance**

***web-based home automation**

***free consultations**

***access control**

***patrol services**

***burglar, fire, temperature and moisture alarms**

***interactive security**

***alarm response program**

***more!**



Most of us are aware that May brings Mother’s Day the second Sunday of the month (the 10th this year). Mother’s Day has been an official holiday since 1914. More phone calls are made on Mother’s Day than any other day of the year, with phone usage increasing by almost half.

Other May holidays include Memorial Day (May 25 this year), which has been observed in some form since 1865. Originally called Decoration Day, traditionally family members

used the day to decorate the graves of loved ones who had died during military service. Graves were cleaned, flowers set out, and a picnic enjoyed on the grounds.

Nowadays, Memorial Day is still centered on spending time with family and friends. In Alaska, the three-day weekend often kicks off summer vacation and camping season.

As the busy summer begins, it is a good idea to make sure your security system is working properly. If it has been a while since you’ve put your system to the test, make it a priority to be sure all window and door sensors are operating properly before you leave your home unoccupied.

Complete instructions for testing can be found on Guardian’s website at <http://www.guardiansecuritysys.com/support/testing-your-system/>.

Taking the time to ensure that your system is working properly on all levels will leave you with more time to relax, and perhaps even throw a backyard barbecue for one of the more obscure American holidays celebrated this month. For example, Scurvy Awareness Day is on May 2. National Hug Your Cat Day is observed on May 3.

A security system cannot protect a home if it isn’t working as it should. Put the testing of your system on your seasonal list of things to do, along with de-winterizing the RV and planting perennials. And back to those quirky holidays...

May 9, it turns out, is your opportunity to observe National Lost Sock Memorial Day. Who knew? National Dance Like a Chicken Day comes on May 14. And on the 23rd, it’s National Lucky Penny Day. Lore has it that a penny found heads up is good luck!

Spring Security Measures

At Guardian Security, the safety of our customers is our primary concern. That is why we educate our customers on a myriad of safety concerns every month.

This month, we turn our attention to spring cleaning. Perhaps you or someone you know turns the house inside out in a thorough cleaning each spring. There are certain security measures that should be done annually as well.

Of course, Guardian recommends testing your alarm system monthly (see page 2), so if you haven't done that lately, a test should be first on your list. There are other tasks that help protect your family as well.

1. Put fresh batteries in smoke detectors. Guardian recommends a monthly test for smoke detectors to be sure they are operating properly. Most fatalities from house fires occur in homes where there is no smoke detector or the smoke detector is not in operation. Regardless of whether you test regularly, batteries should be replaced each year.

Also, consider installing additional smoke detectors if needed. Smoke detectors should be installed on each floor of your home, and placed near bedrooms. Hardwired alarms have backup batteries and these should be replaced annually as well.

2. Replace batteries in carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide is called the "silent killer" because its presence in the home is often undetected until serious illness has occurred. Carbon monoxide detectors should be tested as well. It is important to note that carbon monoxide detectors expire, like batteries, and past the

expiration date, your detector may not work properly. Check the date on your carbon monoxide detector and replace any devices that will expire in the next year. A carbon monoxide detector should be installed on each floor of your home.

3. Check and replace motion detection bulbs around your property. A sudden bright light can discourage an intruder when approaching your property.

If you do not currently have motion detecting lights on the exterior of your home, consider installing them as a crime deterrent as well as an effective safety feature. Another option is home automation, which allows users to remotely control lights, as well as locks and thermostats, from your smart phone, tablet, or computer.

4. When was the last time you checked the locks on your doors? All doors leading outside of your home should have a deadbolt installed. Deadbolts are much harder to pick than a keyed lock. Replace keyed locks if keys are unaccounted for. An example would be a key given out for home repair that was not returned.

On another safety point, instruct members of your household to lock doors even when they are home. Invasions have occurred when residents are home and a bold intruder finds an open door easy access.

5. Change the disarm code on your security alarm panel if it has become too well known, or if someone no longer welcome in your home could use it or tell someone else.

These security tips will help ensure that the long days of summer are relaxing and fun. We are Guardian, and we're here to serve!

WARNING

Door-to-Door Security Alarm Sales

have resulted in

Upset Customers
Dishonest Sales Tactics
Faulty Contracts
Inferior Systems
Wasted Time and Money
Unprotected Homes

If you are approached by a traveling security alarm salesperson, know that no matter what they tell you, ***they are not affiliated with Guardian in any way.***

Call us with questions or to compare systems ***before*** you sign a contract.
We are local and we are here to stay. We are Guardian.



May Events

Bear Aware at the Alaska Zoo Anchorage, May 10, 12:00-4:00pm. This family friendly event is to refresh bear safety facts in a fun, outdoor setting. Learn about bear attractants around your home and what to do if you encounter a bear. Free with paid entry to zoo (Moms get in free!).

www.alaskazoo.org/bear-aware-event

Fairbanks Heart Walk Fairbanks, May 16, 9:00 a.m. Join this 1- or 2-mile walk to support research leading to advancements in the treatment of heart disease. Lots of fun pre-walk activities and lunch for all participants. www.fairbanksheartwalk.org to register or for more information.

Alaska SeaLife Center Summer Festival Seward, May 16. 10:00am-6:00 pm. Free entry, live music, arts and crafts vendors to celebrate the summer kick-off and “The Summer of Sharks.”

www.alaskasealife.org for more information.