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## 12/19 storm recovery update

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## How to stay safe after the storm

## FROM LT. MIKE SAWICKI, LCSO:

With regular public access to Sanibel and Captiva resuming at the beginning of 2023, it is important that island residents take time to review the security of their properties. As always, Lt. Mike Sawicki and Deputies Chris Lusk and Christine Zumbrum are available to assist you at any time. You can also receive assistance through the Lee County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at (239) 477-1000. If you are experiencing an emergency, dial 911

- · Lock doors and windows
- Secure personal property and do not leave items in plain view. Many of our homes are now visible from the road and neighboring properties.
- If practical, use "No Trespassing" signs, gates, and/or barricades to deter unauthorized persons from entering your driveways and properties.
- Please ensure cameras and security systems are functional. Quality security systems are now inexpensive and easy to install. Cameras will help protect your property from theft or damage. Video evidence can be immensely important in incident response, suspect identification, and criminal prosecution.
- Do not forget to include side yards, docks, and waterfront access points in your preparations.

- Only hire licensed contractors. Unlicensed contractors are operating illegally. Non-permitted work can cause trouble with your insurance and limit legal remedies if work is unfinished or executed poorly.
- Vet contractors to ensure quality work and the security of your property.
   Do not be afraid to ask about their practices and to check references from previous clients. Make your expectations about work and personal conduct on your property clear. Be "choosey" about who you invite into your home, especially if they will be unsupervised.
- If you see something suspicious, notify law enforcement immediately.







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