

## PERSONAL ■ PROPERTY ■ CONSTRUCTION

# SAFETY FIRST

Neighborhood safety is a team effort, and it starts with you.

New projects are underway, summer means many of our neighbors are northbound and the tropical storm/hurricane season is upon us.

We ask that you take special care for your personal and property safety, look out for one another.

**If you feel you are in danger, call 911**

**Call in any suspicious activity to The Meadows Safety Patrol 941-809-0084 or  
The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office non emergency number 941-316-1201.**

The Meadows Safety Patrol continues to monitor the community. Be safe. Be aware.



We all contribute to keeping The Meadows a safe place to live. It's wise to deter any unwanted activity by being proactive on your personal and property safety. You are the best defense against crime by remembering key safety points.

- **Daytime is no exception.** Things happen in the daytime too, so **Lock your cars.**
- **Open doors are an open invitation.** LOCK your doors, windows and sliders. Create extra protection, use a rod or bar in the track of your locked slider doors.
- **Help close the door on crime.** Make sure your garage door(s) are closed when not in use. Many key law enforcement agencies site statistics that open garage doors are the source of entry on many crimes.
- **Keeping your shrubs trimmed** to eliminate hiding places and deter unwanted activity.



Hurricane season is unpredictable, so it's especially important to be prepared and informed. Visit our Preparedness section of the MCA website for important links that will help you make informed decisions. News & Resources. <https://www.themeadowssarasota.org/preparedness/>. Download and print info in case of loss of power/internet.

- **The Sarasota County Government Hurricane Preparedness** page has all the information required. [www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/hurricane-preparedness](http://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/hurricane-preparedness) or visit the MCA website.
- **Know your Evacuation Level** See the Map of evacuation centers. [www.tbrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Sarasota-2020-Evacuation-Map.pdf](http://www.tbrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Sarasota-2020-Evacuation-Map.pdf).
- **Sign up for the mass notification system** for rapid emergency updates. <https://www.alertsarasotacounty.com/>



Safety, much like a work zone, is not a one-way street. Pedestrians play a key role in maintaining optimal work-site safety and efficiency. Please keep these tips in mind.

- It's always safest to simply avoid heavy construction areas.
- Please do not choose to ride your bike or walk in close proximity to construction.
- Golf carts/cars-slow down when approaching a construction zone and intersections. Make complete stops at stop signs. Pedestrians may not see you coming.
- Put down your mobile device, and always be aware of your surroundings.
- Be aware of designated walking areas, stay within the boundaries.
- Use extra caution at blind corners and busy, high-traffic areas.
- Hazardous shortcuts aren't worth it, don't take them.
- Respect equipment operators: Never distract them.