



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SPRING BREAK 2023

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is gearing up to welcome thousands of Spring Breakers to Fort Lauderdale over the few weeks.

Spring Break 2023 is expected to begin Friday, March 3rd and will continue through Saturday, April 1st. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department encourages all visitors and local residents to educate themselves of the City of Fort Lauderdale's municipal ordinances and special event procedures.

Ordinances

Below are some municipal ordinances relevant to Spring Break. More information can be found at: https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale. The public is reminded that a violation of any of these ordinances may result in an arrest or the issuance of a Notice to Appear before a judge:

- **Possessing/serving/giving an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21**
- **Refusing to leave or returning to an establishment after being warned**
- **Possessing or displaying fraudulent identification card**
- **Possessing an open container of alcohol within a public place which is not an enclosed structure**
- **Causing a public disturbance while intoxicated**
- **Engaging in physical fighting or in violent, threatening behavior**
- **Public indecency; exposing sexual organs or female's breasts**

In addition, the following measures will be enforced while on beach property from the 900 block of Seabreeze north to the 1700 block of North A1A. Pursuant to City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance C-19-03, Sec. 8-55.5, beach property is defined as the area between the water line and the westernmost sidewalk of State Road A1A within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

- **The prohibition of tents, tables, and similar structures**
- **The limitation of live or amplified music**
- **NO ALCOHOL: Prohibition of possessing or consuming alcohol on the public beach property.**

The public should also note, electric or motorized scooters and other dockless mobility programs are prohibited on the barrier island during Spring Break (March 3rd to April 1st).

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Rideshares

Designated pick up/drop off locations will be established for the duration of Spring Break on Fort Lauderdale Beach and along Southwest 2nd Street in downtown. Rideshare drivers are encouraged to utilize these designated locations to avoid receiving a traffic citation. All rideshare drivers are **strictly prohibited from stopping along State Road A1A.**

When using rideshare programs, remember to always check your ride before getting in. We've partnered with Uber to share steps to help keep you safe:

- **Share My Trip:** Once a trip starts, riders can use the Share My Trip feature in the app to share their driver's name, photo, license plate, and location with a friend or family member so they can follow the trip in real-time. They will receive a text or push notification that tracks the trip and estimated time of arrival.
- **Check Your Ride:** We remind riders to double check the important details we provide before starting a trip - car make and model, license plate, driver name, and photo. Riders should always confirm this information before getting into the car.

To read more about Check Your Ride steps, visit <https://www.uber.com/newsroom/check-your-ride/>.

It's important to know the safety features of the apps. Learn more about Uber's rider safety features in this helpful video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_OE-NGIzhc.

Fort Lauderdale's Micro Mover



Micro Mover service powered by Circuit is a fun and convenient way to explore Fort Lauderdale. Our fleet of electric, open-air vehicles and expert local drivers will take you to the best hotspots for food, shopping, and fun throughout the service area.

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Bar Watch

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Bar Watch program is a network of people, including bar staff and police officers, who know how to identify and act upon potentially troublesome situations.

How to reduce your risk of sexual assault (tips from the Nancy J. Cotterman Center):

- Travel in a group. Check in with each other and leave together. Don't be isolated.
- Trust your instincts. If a situation feels unsafe or uncomfortable, it probably is.
- Watch your drink. Never leave it unattended. Don't accept drinks from strangers.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Know what is going on around you.
- Don't feel obligated. Don't do anything you don't want to or feel uncomfortable about.
- Keep your cell phone accessible. And fully charged.



Pickpocketing Safety Tips

We're sharing these tips so you can avoid becoming a victim to pick pocketers and thieves.

- NEVER leave your phone or wallet unattended including on a bar/table or in a restroom.
- Keep your wallets and phones in a front pants pocket.
- Keep pockets zipped and purses buttoned and always keep them on your person.
- If you carry a purse, keep the straps short to keep it close to your body.
- When you go out, only take the bare minimum of cash and cards needed.
- Always be cautious and aware of your surroundings.
- Report suspicious activity. See something, say something.





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General Information

Due to the increase in visitors, motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes or modes of transportation (i.e. public transportation or bicycling) to avoid heavy traffic congestion and delays.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department anticipates a fun-filled Spring Break for those who visit and reside within our city. The public is encouraged to follow us on Twitter (@FtLauderdalePD) for important public safety and traffic information.

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