

Holiday Safety Tips



The holidays are an exciting time of year, but don't let a theft or robbery turn your festive spirit into a bad memory. The holiday season is a time when busy people can become vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. Whether you are traveling, staying at home, or out shopping, please take extra care to safeguard your property and yourself. **Here are a few simple tips:**

Out of town

- Install automatic timers on lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park a car in the driveway from time to time.
- Have someone shovel the snow.
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries.



Out for the evening

- Turn on lights, radio, or TV.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Keep curtains closed and gifts out of sight.

While shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in a well-lit location, close the car windows, and lock the car.
- Place valuables in the trunk.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages when leaving the store.
- Keep your purse close to your body, or your wallet in your front pocket.
- If shopping with a young child, keep them with you, and teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.



Be aware, be safe, and enjoy the holidays.