



Community Support Bureau

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

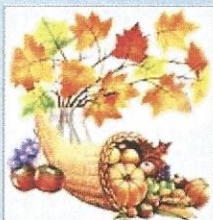
HOME SAFETY

- Make your home appear occupied even when you are not there.
- Put timers on televisions, radios, and lights. Have them in different rooms and have them on at different times.
- Have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail and paper so it appears you are still home.
- After opening gifts do not advertise what you just received. Break down boxes, turn them inside out, and dispose of them.
- Do not display your Christmas tree and presents in front of a window where they can be seen by people passing by.
- Do not share your holiday travel plans through digital media such as Facebook and other similar sites.
- Make sure to always keep your doors and windows locked. Check them daily.
- The holidays are a good time to update, or create, your home inventory. Make a list of all your valuables and record their serial numbers. If it is an item with no serial number take a close up photo.



SHOPPING SAFETY

- Always park in well lit areas.
- Shop with family or friends. There is safety in numbers.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Walk with a purpose and with your head up so you can observe any possible threats.
- Have your car keys in hand so that you can quickly and easily enter your vehicle.
- Ask the store for an escort, to your vehicle, if you feel unsafe .
- Store packages in the trunk of your vehicle.
- Make sure children know that if they get separated from a parent to go to a Police Officer, Security Guard or store employee for help.
- Only carry one or two credit cards and a limited amount of cash with you.
- Carry a purse close to your body, under your arm, and keep a wallet in the front pants pocket.



For more Crime Prevention Tips visit the Arlington Police Departments web site at arlingtonpd.org.

