HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY TIPS

Do not become a target for criminals looking to profit from the busyness of the holidays.

If you're going out for a quick errand:

Lock all your doors and windows before leaving your home, even if it is only for a few minutes.

Do not display your Christmas gifts, or pile up empty boxes of new electronics or appliances you just bought near the recycling bin where they can easily be seen by passersby.

If you're going to be away from home for a few days:

Do not advertise your absence by recording your voicemail or posting your vacation plans on your social media.

Make your home appear occupied by leaving a car parked in your driveway, putting your lights on timers, and having your mail collected.

Sign up for the Diamond Bar-Walnut Sheriff's Station free Property Vacation Check Program by calling 909.595.2264 or stopping by 21605 Valley Boulevard in Walnut.

When you're out shopping:

Remain alert and aware of your surroundings at all times - don't wear earphones or browse the Internet on your phone while walking to or from a parking lot.

Keep your vehicle key handy so that it is easily accessible when you reach your vehicle.

Park in a well-lit space, close the windows and lock the doors.

Place your purchases in the trunk.

Avoid carrying cash. If possible, carry only your identification and credit card on your person to pay for purchases.

When you're shopping online:

Free public Wi-Fi is convenient, but not always the safest when making financial transactions. Make sure that your Internet connection is secure.

Ensure that your firewall is on, and that updated antivirus and malware programs are installed and properly running on your computer or mobile device before shopping.

Shop only with Internet merchants know and trust, and use methods such as PayPal when buying on auction sites.

Keep your usernames and passwords secure, and create unique ones for every merchant website.

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