



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

BE AWARE

Use common sense and follow a few simple rules to have a happy and safe holiday season. Crime increases during this time of year. Do not become a victim! Follow these prevention tips, be safe, and enjoy the holidays.



WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME

- ❄️ Keep your windows and exterior doors locked.
- ❄️ Do not open your door for a stranger.
- ❄️ Do not display gifts in front of windows or doors so that they are visible from the street or to passersby.
- ❄️ If you will be gone for any period of time, leave a radio tuned to a talk show on a low volume and place lamps on overlapping timers to simulate movement inside your home.

WHEN YOU ARE OUT

- ❄️ Lock your vehicle and roll the windows all the way up.
- ❄️ Be alert and aware of your surroundings.
- ❄️ Walk with authority and a purpose.
- ❄️ Carry only the money you'll need and limit the number of credit/debit cards you carry.
- ❄️ Never leave your purse, wallet, electronics, or other important items in your vehicle.
- ❄️ Use caution when carrying a purse or wallet. Carry your purse close to your body, preferably in front. Place your wallet in your front pocket.
- ❄️ Never leave your purse or shopping bags unattended in a shopping cart.
- ❄️ Park as close to your destination as possible, and stay in populated areas with good lighting.
- ❄️ When walking to your car, have your keys in hand.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

If you ever notice anything suspicious or out of place, call the Sheriff's Department **NON-EMERGENCY** number:

858-565-5200

For Emergencies call **9-1-1**

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