

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER

Here are a few holiday crime prevention tips

- Lock your doors
- Illuminate your house using both a front and back porch light
- Know your neighbors, and learn their habits
- Let someone you trust know that you will be out of town for an extended period of time.
- Report suspicious activity by calling 911
- When shopping, try to put items in the trunk and spread your shopping experience out. (You don't want someone to see you going back and forth to your vehicle with merchandise.
- Use your alarm!
- Remove all items of value out of your vehicle (GPS systems and base, iPods, cell phones, laptops, loose change, bags, purses)
- Lock your vehicle
- If you have a garage door, ensure it is closed and lock the door leading to the interior of your home, as well

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