

## Starter

### Your Car

#### Presents left in full view

Keep presents out of sight -  
if they can be seen  
they can be stolen

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#### Sat Nav's and laptops

These items are currently  
high on the car thieves  
shopping list

When you leave your car  
take them with you

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#### Car left unlocked

Always close windows,  
never leave keys in the ignition,  
engage steering lock and alarm  
and lock all doors

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#### Parking

Park in well lit locations or  
in an attended car park,  
or look for the 'Park Mark' award logo,  
for a safe  
parking  
environment



## Main Course

### Your House

#### Doors and windows not secured

Ensure all doors and windows  
are locked

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#### Gifts displayed under the tree

Ensure all gifts are kept  
out of view

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#### Car keys and handbags conveniently placed

Never leave car keys or handbags  
downstairs at night -  
take them to bed with you

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#### The unoccupied look ~ going on holiday?

Consider using automatic lights,  
cancel milk and papers, ask a  
neighbour to keep an eye  
on your house.

If you belong to a Neighbourhood  
Watch inform your co-ordinator

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#### Opening your door to strangers

Before you open your door to  
strangers, use a door chain

If you are not happy send callers  
away, if they are from a reputable  
company they will always call back



## Dessert

### Your Property

#### Unmarked Property

Mark your property using an ultra  
violet pen, with your postcode and  
house number or name

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#### Bicycles not secured

Lock all bicycles and make a record of  
the serial number and a basic  
description of the cycle

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#### Cheque book and card left unattended

Never leave your cheque book and  
card together, keep your pin number  
confidential

*Don't write your pin number down  
on a piece of paper or  
make a note in your diary -  
thieves know where to look*

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#### Cash

Do not carry large amounts of cash  
or leave it in your house, thieves  
know where to look!



## Christmas Crime Prevention

'Tis the season to be jolly, but it is also the season to be wary of burglars, thieves, pickpockets, and other holiday grinchers.

Nothing can ruin the Christmas spirit faster than becoming the victim of a crime.

Unfortunately burglars view the holiday season a little differently...for them, it is a time of opportunity to burglarize your home for cash, credit cards, and gifts

### *At Home*

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows at all times.

Don't display gifts and other valuables where they can be seen from a window or doorway.

If you go out in the evening, turn on lights and a radio or television so the house looks occupied.

If you go on vacation, get an automatic timer for your lights. Ask a neighbor or trusted friend to watch your house, pick up the mail and newspapers and park their car in your driveway from time to time.

Beware of package deliveries where couriers have the "wrong" address. Write down tag numbers of suspicious delivery attempts.

After Christmas, don't advertise your new electronics and/or other new valuables that you have just received by putting the boxes out on the curb for the garbage collectors. Break the boxes down and fold them to where the *words are on the inside.*

### *Shopping*

Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. If you see people "hanging around"

parking garages, parking lots, or the outside of stores, avoid the area. Notify the police or security department.

Shop before dark if possible. Coordinate shopping trips with a friend if you plan to be out late. Never park your car in an unlit area, no matter how convenient it is.

Lock your car doors and windows even if you are only gone for a few minutes.

Keep packages and other valuables out of public view, preferably locked in the trunk.

Park near street lights if possible and have your keys in hand when you return to your car. Always check the interior of your car before you unlock the door to get in.

To discourage purse snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages. Have your purchases delivered whenever practical.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card whenever possible.

Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm with the strap across your body. Keep a wallet in an inside jacket pocket, not a back trouser pocket.

Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if they should become separated in a store or shopping mall. They should never go into a parking lot alone.

### *Confidence*

If it walks like a confident cat, looks like a confident cat, and sounds like a confident cat...

It's probably one super bad cat that a criminal doesn't want to mess with.

A criminal does not choose victims who appear to be difficult to overcome. Some one who project confidence in their body language is a far less likely target than the person who seems passive and submissive.

The more confident we appear, the less likely we are to be targeted. How do we appear confident, even if we are not?



### **Walk Tall:**

Walk with your head upright and alert. Roll your shoulders back and walk briskly, with purpose.

If you drag your feet, slump your shoulder forward and drag your feet along the ground.... How do you think you appear?

### **Talk Tall:**

If/when you speak to others (people you don't know) in public, use an authoritative, yet friendly tone, with sufficient volume for the other person to hear.

Voice fluctuations and tones are major factor in detecting a person's state of mind, it is very important to keep this in mind.