

Holiday Safety Tips

The Glendale Police Department would like to remind everyone to be alert, patient and mindful of safety during the quickly approaching holiday seasons. The holiday seasons can be a stressful and busy time. Let us offer some crime prevention tips to help keep the holidays safe and enjoyable!

Home Safety

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even if you will only be gone for a minute.
- Don't put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors.
- When going on trips or out for evenings, use automatic timers to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are home.
- Immediately after the holidays, mark new gifts with your Arizona Driver's License or ID number.
- Don't advertise what you got for Christmas by putting the boxes out on trash day. Break the boxes down or take them to the dump yourself.

Shopping Safety

- Lock packages and other valuables in the trunk before you park, never after you park. Thieves may be watching.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.
- If you must shop in the evening, shop with a friend.
- If you are elderly and alone, ask for an escort to your vehicle.
- Park in well-lighted areas, as close as possible to store entrances. Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot, especially near your car.
- Lock your car and make sure the windows are closed.
- Carry only the charge cards you will need. Don't carry large sums of cash.
- Carry purses next to your body with the purse flap against you. Carry wallets in front or inside pockets.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. Don't allow your attention to become distracted from your purse or packages.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall.
- Don't hesitate to notify store security if you see suspicious activity.
- If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lighted place.
- If you are a victim of a crime, call **911** to report it police immediately.