

# Holiday Safety Tips

## While You're Out:

- Always be alert and aware of your surroundings and others around you.
- Avoid taking bags or belongings to your vehicle in order to free your hands for more shopping. If you are observed, your vehicle may become a target for crime.
- Have packages delivered to a location where someone will be available to accept them instead of being left unattended on your porch.
- Never leave your purse or shoulder bag in a shopping cart. Keep your belongings with you at all times.
- Park in well-lit and highly visible areas.
- Vary your daily routines by changing times of activities and your usual direction of travel when leaving home.
- Before vacationing, stop your mail or make arrangements with a trusted neighbor for pick-up. Ensure they know how to reach you in an emergency.
- Request free "Vacation Home Check" services from Yorba Linda Police Services. As time permits, our deputies will check the perimeter of your home while you're away.
- Avoid posting status updates on social media sites that advertise you are away from home.

## For Your Home:

- Never leave doors or windows open or unlocked while you're away, including second-story entries. Always remove valuables from your vehicle, roll up windows and lock your car.
- Secure valuables such as fine jewelry, firearms, and large amounts of cash when leaving your home whether for work, the evening, or extended periods.
- Place timers on select indoor lights. This will ensure that you never walk into a dark house.
- Don't leave outgoing mail in an unsecured mailbox. Instead, either hand outgoing mail directly to your postal carrier, take it to the post office during business hours, or place it in a secure blue post office box prior to its listed scheduled pick-up time for the day to avoid leaving mail in there overnight. Remove delivered mail from your home mailbox as soon as possible.
- Avoid displaying gifts or leaving valuables at home where they can be seen from doors or windows. Adjust window coverings to provide optimal privacy while allowing good visibility of outside areas.
- Secure your home with a reliable alarm and surveillance system.
- Never leave keys hidden under door mats or potted plants.
- Report ALL suspicious people and activities WHEN they are observed.

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