

Holiday Safety Tips

- The Holiday season can be a time of joy but it can also be a very hectic time when you get overrun with “honey do’s” and become distracted.
- How many days until Thanksgiving? **13**
 - How many of us are hosting our families and extended families?
 - How much shopping does that require?
- How many days until Christmas? **42**
 - How many of us are hosting a Christmas party or other event prior to Christmas day?
 - How many of us are hosting Christmas Eve or Christmas Day?
 - How much shopping does that require?
- So how do we keep our head in the game and not get too occupied to think of our personal safety?
 - Ask a neighbor to shop with you
 - Be sure windows and doors are locked before leaving
 - Be sure appliances are turned off
 - When getting out at your shopping destination, look around as you are finding a parking space
 - People lingering in the parking lot
 - Vehicles in front of the store unoccupied and running
 - Ladies – secure handbag close to your body; cross chest bags are great for this time of year
 - Gents – keep wallet in your inside jacket pocket or in the front pocket of your pants
 - Make mental or actual note of where you parked!
 - If shopping with little ones, teach them to find a store clerk (name badge, smock, etc.) or a uniformed security guard. NOT any grownup!
 - When you exit the store, DO NOT be looking down at your cell phone. Pause as you exit and look around in all directions
 - Be Ready to get into your car. NO DISTRACTIONS!
 - Have your keys in your hand
 - “Quick peek” your car
 - Place packages in your trunk out of sight
 - Once the gifts are opened etc, keep in mind that your trash is a good sign of what you just placed into your home. For example big TV boxes etc.
 - Be observant be safe! Call 911 if you need assistance.