

# ❄️ Holiday Safety Tips ❄️

Nearly 25% of all home burglaries occur during the holidays. Many of you may be planning to leave your residence over the holiday season. These safety tips are meant to help you keep your home safe during your absence.

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1. **Don't broadcast your travel plans** on social media sites.
  2. **Unplug electronics** to conserve energy and protect against power surges.
  3. **Set automatic timers for lights and security systems** and set thermostats to maintain an even temperature; leave front and back porch lights on.
  4. **Bring in outdoor objects** that may be damaged by unexpected weather conditions.
  5. **Let neighbors or friends know you'll be away** and ask them to take in newspapers or delivered packages; direct them to call the police should they hear or see someone around your property.
  6. **Contact the USPS and have your mail delivery stopped** for the period of time that you will be away from home.
  7. **Ask a neighbor or friend to park in your driveway** to give the appearance that someone is home.
  8. **Consider taking high-value items or family heirlooms with you** or leaving them to someone's safe-keeping.
  9. **Secure all windows and sliding glass doors** and be sure that all exterior doors are locked.
  10. **Let friends and family know where you can be contacted** and when you will return.
  11. **If upon your return you find a burglary has taken place**, go to another location and contact the police immediately.
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