

This Christmas Keep Safe

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Shop Safe

- Use cash machines in well lit, non-secluded areas and stay alert. Check the machine hasn't been tampered with, hide your PIN, beware of who's behind you and keep your cash out of view.
- When you're out Christmas shopping, you might not realise how much all the presents you're carrying around with you are worth – look after your shopping bags and don't leave them out your view.
- If you're driving to the shops, park your car in a busy, well-lit area. Don't keep any presents you've bought in the car for longer than you have to and always keep them out of view.
- Ensure your bag is closed and your purse or wallet is not easily accessible when not being used.

Online Safety

- Think before you post photos of your Christmas night out online. What may seem funny in private could embarrass or humiliate someone in public. If in doubt, don't click!
- When shopping online, make sure your web browser and internet security is up to date. Check the website payment page is secure and look for the padlock in the address line before you enter any card details.
- If you're buying your child a mobile or tablet for Christmas, think about how you can keep them safe online.
- Be careful about what you say on social networking sites - don't let thieves know when your home will be empty.

Party Safe

- Plan your Christmas night out – charge your mobile, remember to take it with you and think about how you'll get home.
- Don't leave drinks unattended, be sensible about what you drink and pace yourself. A drunk person is a far more vulnerable target for a criminal.
- Don't use drugs or New Psychoactive Substances, sometimes misleadingly called 'legal highs'. Legal doesn't mean safe – they can contain toxic and harmful chemicals. Why risk your life?
- Stick with friends – don't leave nights out on your own or with strangers.
- Stay safe on your journey home - never take isolated short cuts. Keep to busy areas and on public transport, sit where there are lots of other people. If you're using a taxi, make sure it's licenced.

Home Safety

- Thieves know that over Christmas there will be high value presents and maybe more cash in your house than normal. Keep your home secure - lock all windows and doors, don't leave gifts in view of the windows and keep cash in your home to a minimum.
- If you're going away for Christmas, keep your home secure. Lock all windows and doors, set your house alarm if you have one, use timers on lights, cancel any deliveries and ask a trusted neighbour or friend to keep an eye out while you're away.
- Protect any gifts you've bought for your friends and family. Get them to register mobiles, tablets, laptops and cameras at www.immobilise.com. Don't give them a good quality bike without giving them a good quality lock, and register bikes at www.BikeRegister.com.