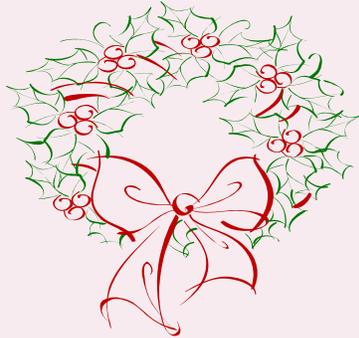


Holiday Crime Prevention Travel Tips

- When you travel, know where you are going and how to get there and back. Always check for construction detours, for longer trips, get a weather forecast.
- Many of you in our community will be traveling to the States for the Holiday's! If traveling in the states remember most state law enforcement agencies provide road-and-highway information; check to see what conditions they report before leaving for your destination. Inform family members where you will be and when you expect to be back; give them your route if you know it.
- If you are going away for the holidays, take advantage of having someone periodically check your unattended residence until you return.
- Travel and conduct your business during daylight hours if possible!
- If you have access to a cellular telephone, carry or take it with you at all times!
- If possible, know the emergency cell codes for the area you are in. When driving, keep doors locked and windows rolled up. Always maintain at least a half a tank of fuel!
- If you experience a breakdown, pull as far onto the shoulder as possible and turn on your emergency flashers. If you have your cellular phone, summon assistance from a reputable source or call for law enforcement response. Otherwise, raise your hood or tie a streamer to your antenna, and await assistance inside your locked vehicle,
- If a stranger stops, speak to them through a partially rolled-down window, and ask them to go to a phone and call police or a tow service; do not exit your vehicle until a law enforcement officer or tow operator are on the scene.
- On longer trips, be sure you have water, food and blankets in the vehicle!
 - Be prepared to flee potential problems! If apprehensive about any location for any reason, leave!





Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program Holiday Travel Safety and Security Tips

- If involved in a property –damage collision in an unfamiliar or potentially unsafe location, do not open or exit your vehicle. If you have a cellular telephone, summon law enforcement. If not, acknowledge the accident by hand signal, and motion to the other driver to proceed with you to a safe location (where there are other people and light)to exchange information. If unable to proceed, hunk the honk to attract attention and ask a passer-by to summon the police.
- If signaled to stop by any vehicle other than a clearly marked law enforcement unit, acknowledge the signal, and wave the driver to follow you to a safe location. Drive within the speed limit and take the shortest possible route to the nearest safe place. If you have a cellular phone, dial 9-1-1, tell the call taker you are being followed by and unmarked vehicle attempting to stop you, and ask them to send a marked law enforcement vehicle to your location.
- When parking, remember to take your keys, lock your vehicle and conceal your valuables! During hours of darkness, park and walk in lighted areas.
- While out and about, present an alert appearance! Be aware of your surroundings; scan the area from time to time. Avoid concentrating so hard on shopping that you fail to keep track of your surroundings, others near you, or your personal property. Wear conservative, comfortable clothing. Grip carried items firmly and avoid leaving them unattended. Carry minimal cash and valuables, wear minimal jewelry.
- Using debit or credit cards is much safer then carrying a lot of cash! If the vendors you will visit don't take cards, consider obtaining traveler's checks which, unlike cash, can be replaced if lost or stolen. Visit ATM's only at will-lighted and populated locations' visit during daylight hours if possible.
- Be observant! Avoid dark areas, short-cuts, cul-de-sacs, and suspicious persons. Stay near light and people.

