



Encourage community spirit, effectively reduce crime and fear of crime in your neighbourhood by setting up a Home Watch scheme, or reactivating one that has become passive. For further information please contact:

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DON'T BE A VICTIM THIS CHRISTMAS.
Follow these seasonal pointers and have a safe and crime free festive season.



Be on guard for pickpockets and bag snatchers when out and about.

Don't leave anything on display in your car -
DISPLAY AND YOU'LL PAY!

Be extra cautious when using cash machines or collecting money from your bank - thieves could be watching so have someone with you if possible.

Tell neighbours if you are away over the Christmas holidays.

It's a busy time with extra shopping trips and socialising - ensure your house always looks as if someone is at home, particularly at dusk. Leave a light on or use timer switches or dusk 'til dawn lighting and leave a radio on tuned to a talk station.

Christmas trees are lovely, but an invitation to the thief if gifts are left underneath and lights on in your front window with curtains open when you are out.

Keep presents and festive food and drink away from windows and safely stored inside - the garage is not a good storage place and a case of expensive wine, beer, spirits or Christmas bicycles can be more easily stolen from a garage or shed.

Be on your guard against doorstep callers. Beat the bogus caller -

STOP and think are you expecting anybody?

Do they have an appointment?

CHAIN - secure the door bar or chain before opening the door.

CHECK - Ask for and double-check the caller's I.D.

Don't forget: **IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT!**

If you see or hear anything suspicious, day or night, report it to the police on **872 5050** or **999** in an emergency

Follow the Home Watch code
'Be neighbourwise and use your eyes'