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25 HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR 2025

1. While shopping, be aware of your surroundings and park in well-lit areas.

2. Never carry large amounts of cash

3. Conduct ATM transactions in safe locations during daytime hours.

4. Call your local BSO district office to arrange a safe transaction time to meet online buyers and sellers.

5. Do not leave valuables or purchases in plain view inside your vehicle.

6. Do not display gifts near windows in your home.

7. Lock your car, and don't leave your keys near your front door.

8. Install a home security system.

9. Only shop online with companies you know and trust.

10. Pay for online purchases with a credit card instead of a debit card.

11. Do not open emails from unknown senders.

12. Never provide personal information in response to an unsolicited email.

13. Protect your devices with the most up-to-date anti-virus software.

14. Do not drink and drive.

15. Report suspicious activity to law enforcement.

16. Destroy boxes or conceal them before leaving them for garbage collection.

17. Check your bank statement often to spot suspicious activity.

18. Keep receipts in your wallet or purse. If left in the bag, it makes it easier for a thief to return the items for cash.

19. Be cautious of package delivery scams. Verify any unexpected delivery notifications directly with the carrier before clicking links or sharing personal information.

IF AWAY ON VACATION....

20. Stop newspaper and mail deliveries.

21. Ask someone you trust to retrieve packages delivered to your home.

22. Never hide a spare key outside.

23. Share vacation fun on social media after you return.

24. Call your district office to register for the Vacation Home Watch program.

25. Ask neighbors to keep an eye on your home.



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