



# HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS



## **Out & About:**

- Shop with a friend.
- Do not leave gifts, valuables, etc. in your car in plain sight. Place all items in trunk BEFORE you get to your next location.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in well-lit areas at night.
- Do not be distracted while walking to and from your car.
- Have your car keys out when leaving the store so you are not caught searching for them.
- Do not keep large amounts of cash on your person. Credit card is best!

## **In your Home:**

- Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Place tree and gifts where they can not be seen from outside.
- Do not ignore a knock at your door. Acknowledge them through the door and do not open for strangers.
- Break down empty boxes (TV's, computers) and make sure they fit in your trash can. Do not place beside it.

## **Out of Town:**

- Have your home looked after by a neighbor or friend.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up your packages that are left at your front door or have them sent to the post office.
- Place lights on timers so they come on when you would normally be home.