

Holiday Safety Tips from the Phoenix Police Department

Avoid Package Theft: 4 Tips to Protect Your Packages

-Have your packages delivered when someone is home or to your work

-Ask your neighbor to pick up delivered packages

-Track your package so you know when to expect delivery

-Use Security Cameras

What to Do If Your Package is Stolen?

1.File police report

2.File claim with the delivery service

4 ways to Grinch-proof Your Holiday Light Displays

1.Turn off light display at night

2.Install Security Cameras

3.Bring in valuable items at night

4.Stay connected with neighbor and neighborhood apps

Traveling Away from Home Safety Tips

1.Get automatic timers for your lights.

2.Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home, pick up your mail and park in your driveway from time to time.

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

1.Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.

2.Park in well-lit areas, and be sure to lock the car, close your windows, and hide all gifts and shopping bags in the trunk.

3.Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

4.Carry your purse close to your body and put your wallet in an inside pocket or front pants pocket.

5.Have your keys ready to enter your vehicle when you approach it. Use your “panic button" on your key fob if you become nervous or think you are being followed.

6.Lock your doors immediately upon entering your vehicle.

Home Safety Tips

1.Always use caution when answering your door for a stranger, but especially during the holiday season! Criminals often use disguises and pose as couriers during the holiday season.

2.The holidays are the season for giving but donate only to trusted charitable organizations. Always ask for identification; if you do not get a good feeling from the person, refuse to donate.

3.Register your home safety camera systems, Ring doorbells, et cetera. with Phoenix Police Virtual Block Watch

2 ways to register:

-Text "Join Today" to 555-888

-Online at Phoenix Police Virtual Block Watch

Watch Out for Scams

1.Do not give or verify personal or financial information about you or anyone else over the phone to anyone you don't know personally.

2.Government officials will never call your home asking for payment.

3.Be wary of aggressive solicitors or panhandlers at your front door and NEVER invite them into your home.

4.Consider posting a “NO SOLICITING" sign that is visible to anyone approaching your door.