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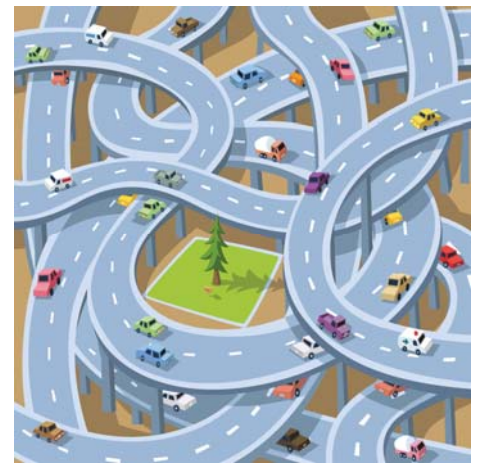
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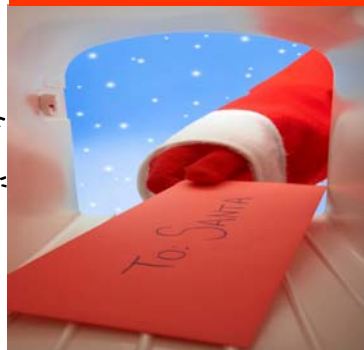
Tis the Season to Travel

Travel safely this holiday season by following these tips:

- Tell family & friends your route and your estimated arrival time when you visit
- Always travel with a buddy
- Keep your car in good operating condition, full of gas & carry items you may need in case of an emergency
- Remember to stop the delivery of your newspaper & have the post office hold your mail if you are visiting someone for



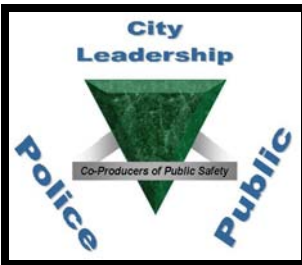
Home for the Holidays



"Nothing ruins the holiday season faster than being the victim of a crime"

No matter how you celebrate the holidays, this time centers around family, friends and our community. Remember holiday safety starts with you, so the Riverside Police Department encourages you to take a few safety precautions:

- Take the time to lock your doors & windows
- Use your peephole to check out holiday visitors before you open the door
- Give your home an occupied appearance by using automatic timers for lights, televisions, and radios
- Make sure your Christmas tree & gifts aren't visible from the street
- Don't give out your holiday plans to just anyone, like leaving a message on your answering machine that your family is away
- Don't keep a hide-a-key, they can always be found
- Break down the boxes your gifts come in & put them in a black garbage bag.



Rockin' Around the Shopping Cart



The holiday season is here. Keep the season joyous by following some important *stay safe* strategies:

While Shopping

- Walk with purpose, be aware of your surroundings & stay alert
- Trust your instincts
- Avoid overloading yourself with bags and packages
- Don't carry cash, credit cards or checks you don't plan on using
- Park in well-lit, busy areas

- Don't leave valuables in your car
- Shop with friends, not only is it safer, but it's also more enjoyable
- As you approach your car always have your keys ready, and look around your car and inside before you get in
- When you are making your list and checking it twice, make sure you also plan on making safe trips to the bank ahead of time, and always use caution at the



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- Keep an eye on your check card and credit card—don't let a sales clerk leave your sight of vision with it
- Don't leave anything in your car, that you don't want to replace

“Preventing Crime is Everyone's Business”

Holiday Trivia

“Poinsettia plants are named after Joel R. Poinsett, an American minister to Mexico, who brought the plant to America in 1828”

Celebrate New Year's Eve Without Gunfire or Fireworks!

Have Yourself a Safe Little Holiday Season



The holidays should be a time of cheer not fear. This season brings so many things; the feelings of joy and peace; time with family and friends, and usually the crazed search for the perfect gift and the best bargains. This time can also bring other things; an increased opportunity for a crime to occur and feelings of concern and fear. Reduce the opportunity that

someone can victimize you by:

At Work

- Use the buddy system if you are working late
- Lock unused doors
- Avoid having employees work alone
- Stay calm with unruly

customers

- Vary the schedule & route of your bank drops
- Keep only necessary cash in the cash drawer
- Make sure all doors have deadbolt locks
- Join or start a Business Watch



DESIGNATE BEFORE YOU DRINK

“HE SEE'S YOU WHEN YOU'RE DRINKING—HE KNOWS WHEN YOU .08”

