



Winter

Altogether Better Policing

Stay safe over the festive period and the long winter nights.

Festive Season

- Party-goers should remember the personal safety message - Keys money phone - plans to get home.
- Keep your money and personal belongings safe during the busy shopping days before Christmas.
- Keep Christmas presents and other valuables away from open display near windows at home.
- When out shopping by car, put valuable purchases out of sight in the boot.
- Raise a glass or two to the New Year, but don't drive or handle fireworks afterwards.



Winter Crime Prevention

As the nights get darker...



Winter Nights



- **Remember the Winternights message**

- Before leaving your home make sure you have locked both your front and back doors and your windows. Although this one sounds simple, almost a third of properties are burgled due to an unsecure door or window.
- Consider leaving a light on before you go out when it's dark. This is another simple step to help protect your home. It's a fact that properties left in darkness are more likely to be targeted by burglars.
- Close your curtains when heading out for the night
- If you have a house alarm - please use it!
- Ensure car headlights are in working order, and avoid dazzling other drivers.
- Pedestrians - be safe and be seen - wear something bright when out and about after dark.



Snow and icy conditions

- Drivers - make sure your vehicle is secure when clearing windscreens of snow or ice.
- Snowballing is fun - but it could turn into anti-social behaviour or even a criminal offence if snowballs are aimed at cars or passers-by.



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