



Royal Bahamas Police Force

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Holiday Safety Tips

The Holidays are always exciting with shopping, presents and family. However crooks love the opportunities this time of the year provides. While there's no need to be afraid, you should keep in mind the following holiday safety reminders to avoid becoming a victim.

Personal Safety

- Always pay attention to your surroundings, and be aware of your environment.
- Consider shopping with others. There is safety in numbers.
- Avoid walking alone in dark, isolated areas –such as back parking lots.
- Keep your wallet or purse close to your body; remember to dress casual and comfortable.
- Avoid carrying too many bags or packages. Keep your hands as free as possible.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash –use an ATM/Debit card when possible.
- Consider using ATM machines located in the malls. Avoid using ATM machines located in isolated areas.
- Young children should always be accompanied by parents while shopping and to the restrooms.
- Teach your child their full name, phone number, and address. Keep your child close to you at all times.
- Never leave your purse in the shopping cart. Or leave children in the car alone



Protect Your Vehicle:

- Lock your doors, and buckle up while driving
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Avoid parking in isolated areas.
- Never leave your motor running unattended.
- Take all personal property out of your vehicle every time you leave. Hide property that you have to leave behind.
- Do not approach your car if suspicious people are nearby

Secure Your Home:

- Ensure that your home's windows and doors have secondary locks.
- Keep landscaping trimmed back so that you can easily see around your property.
- Flatten boxes and conceal product pictures when putting garbage on the outside.
- Consider keeping gifts and expensive property out of plain view from the outside. Keep ground level blinds and curtains closed while away and at night.
- Consider having a trusted neighbor or friend watch your home while you are away. Ask your neighbor to occasionally park their car in your driveway.
- Never open your door to strangers. Always find out who is on the other side of the door before answering. Never let people know you are home alone.

Be Safe Bahamas And Have A Merry Christmas!

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911

National Crime Prevention Office
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Crime Stoppers
328-TIPS (8477)
Family Islands
(242) 300-8476

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