



HOLIDAY SAFETY

OROVILLE, CA—The Butte County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the community to be vigilant in their safety and security. Along with the joy the holidays bring, there tends to also be an increase in crime. There are some easy steps to take to make yourself and your home more safe and secure.

Remember to lock all doors and windows to your home and your car. Leave outside lights on at night and use a timer for your indoor lights to make your home look as if someone is there, even when you are gone. Don't leave presents in areas that can be seen from outside. After the holidays, be careful how you dispose of the packaging your gifts came in. Packaging found in your garbage can is like an advertisement to thieves of the fun, new and potentially expensive gifts you just received.

If you plan to go out of town, put a stop on your mail and newspaper delivery or ask a trusted friend to pick up your mail and newspapers for you.

Identity theft is also common during the holidays. To avoid being a victim of identity theft, remember to keep your receipts in a safe place, and never leave your wallet or purse in your car. When shopping online, make sure you are shopping on a secure website, you should see "https" in the web address when you enter your personal information. Remember to check your accounts frequently to make sure there are no fraudulent charges.

There are many holiday celebrations during this time of year. Always remember that alcohol and driving do not mix. Have a designated driver or call a taxi. Don't drink and drive.

BCSO would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

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