

Safer Vale Partnership

Christmas Shopping – CAR CRIME



Most car crime is committed by opportunist thieves.

Therefore

- Don't tempt thieves by leaving presents or valuables on display in your vehicle. Take them with you or lock them in the boot out of sight.
- Make sure your car is secured each time you park it.

Christmas Shopping – CASHPOINT

Take care when withdrawing money from a cash point machine, as this is a time when you can be vulnerable to an opportunist thief.

Therefore

- If you are at all suspicious of anyone in the vicinity, go to another cash point or try later.
- Check the machine has not been tampered with.
- Never ask other people to withdraw cash on your behalf
- Avoid walking away from the machine with the money still in your hand

Christmas Shopping – PERSONAL SAFETY

Shops are always busier at Christmas - which means there is more opportunity for thieves to operate.

Therefore

- Don't leave your bag unattended on the back of shopping trolleys or on top of pushchairs.
- Keep your bag secure. If it has a strap, wear it across your body with the openings facing inwards avoid placing it on the floor.
- Try not to carry too many bags

Christmas at Home – SECURITY

At this time of year we all have extra valuables in the house as we do our Christmas shopping. We need to keep these safe.

Therefore

- When you go out, make sure you have locked all of your doors and windows.
- Don't leave presents under the tree or in view of a window.
- Use timer switches to make people think that there is someone at home

Christmas – CELEBRATING

If you are out celebrating,

- Drink responsibly and don't accept drinks from strangers.
- Plan how you are going to get home.
- Don't leave bags, wallets or mobile phones unattended.

If you are in celebrating

- Drink responsibly and consider you neighbours

“Don't Let Thieves Knock the Stuffing Out Of Your Christmas”