



HOLIDAY SAFETY

Chief Randy Scott and the Columbia Police Department want you to have a safe holiday season. Below are a few tips on how to keep from being a victim of a crime this season:

While you are away

- Get automatic timers for your inside room lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home
- Ask someone to collect your mail.
- Call the Columbia Police Department at 545-3500 to set up a Special Property Check

While you are out for the evening

- Turn on lights, a radio or the TV so it looks like you are home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

While you are shopping

- Stay alert to your surroundings and what is going on around you.
- Park in well-lit areas in parking lots
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- If you are with your children, teach them to go to a store clerk or security if they get separated from you.

For additional crime prevention tips, visit our website at www.columbiapd.net