



Have a crime-free Christmas

We're working hard over Christmas to keep you and your family safe, but there are steps you can take to help us.

When you're out shopping

- ❄️ Keep valuables in inside pockets of clothing or bags.
- ❄️ Only carry the cash you need.
- ❄️ Park in an open, well-lit area. Visit www.parkmark.co.uk for details of approved car parks.
- ❄️ Avoid going back to your car to leave your shopping part-way through your trip. If you have to keep presents in the car, make sure they are out of view in the boot, the car is locked, and keep the receipts with you.

At cash machines

- ❄️ If you see anything suspicious alert the bank or call the police on **101**.
- ❄️ Shield the keypad when typing in your PIN at a cash machine or in a shop.
- ❄️ Only withdraw as much as you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Put your money and cards away (not in your back pocket) safely before leaving the machine.

When you're out for the evening

- ❄️ NEVER leave your things unattended.
- ❄️ Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you'll be home.
- ❄️ Avoid walking home alone and never with someone you don't know well.
- ❄️ Drink responsibly, arrange for a member of your group to be a designated driver.
- ❄️ Check your taxi driver's ID and never get into an unlicensed taxi.

At home

- ❄️ Don't leave presents under your Christmas tree if they are visible from windows or doors.
- ❄️ Never keep large amounts of cash at home.
- ❄️ Make sure you keep your doors and windows locked at all times.
- ❄️ Keys should always be kept out of sight and not left in doors or in view of windows.
- ❄️ Make your house look occupied, use a timer switch to operate lights as it starts to get dark, leave a radio on.
- ❄️ Don't open the door to anybody you don't recognise. Not sure? Don't open the door!

Mark your valuables with your postcode. CREMARK and similar property marking systems are available to buy from Nottinghamshire Police's Pre Crime Unit.

For further information visit our website www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/crimefighter or call us on **101 ext 800 3011**.

Register your property securely and free of charge on the national property marking database www.immobilise.com