

Winston-Salem Police Department Crime Prevention Unit





Holiday Safety

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Purpose

This presentation is designed to
inform participants about the
increased risk of crime during the
Holiday Season

Topics Covered

- North Carolina Statistics (2007)
- Situational Awareness
- Home Safety
- Vehicle Safety
- Shopping Safety

Crime Statistics (2007)

- One Violent crime every 5.1 hours
- One Property crime every 38.0 minutes
- One Robbery every 12.5 hours
- One Burglary every 2.0 hours
- One Larceny every 1.1 hours
- One Motor Vehicle Theft every 7.5 hours

Situational Awareness

- Walk with confidence
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Pay attention to suspicious persons and vehicles



Home Safety

- Have a neighbor or family member collect your mail and newspapers
- Leave emergency contact numbers
- DO NOT hide door keys outside
- Install motion sensor lights



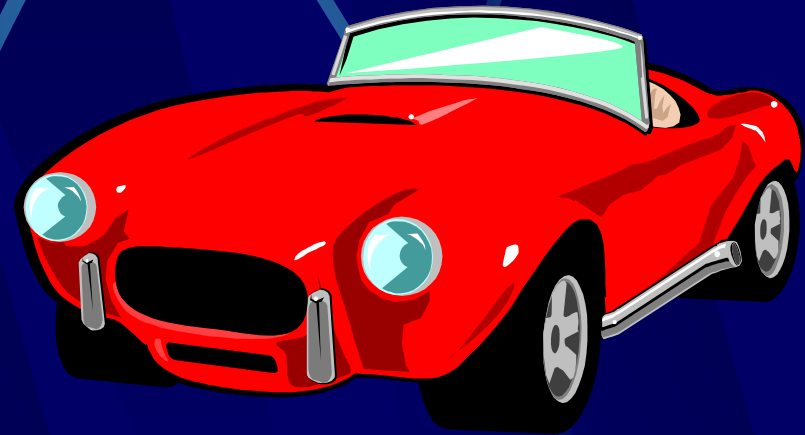
Home Safety

- Conceal holiday gifts in your home
- Keep curtains or blinds closed
- Keep copies of receipts and serial numbers
- DO NOT advertise your gifts with empty boxes



Vehicle Safety

- Keep doors locked at all times
- DO NOT stop for strangers
- Park in well lighted areas
- Prior to exiting vehicle, scan parking lot for suspicious people



Vehicle Safety

- Lock all valuables in the trunk; or out of view
- As you approach your vehicle scan the interior
- Have your keys out and ready
- Don't hesitate as you enter your vehicle; immediately lock the doors behind you

Shopping Safety

- Wear proper shopping attire
- Avoid carrying large purses or excessive cash
- If possible, plan your shopping time to avoid large crowds



Shopping Safety

- Take a friend with you when you shop
- Avoid carrying excessive packages
- Know where you are and remember where you parked
- Scan your surroundings for people who are more interested in your activity than their own.

Summary

- Be alert to your surroundings
- Proper attire for the activity
- Cell phone - fully charged and on
- Conceal gifts in home and vehicle
- Always shop with friends

Questions

