



SAN ANTONIO POLICE

To be the premier law enforcement agency by building trust, creating partnerships, and sharing leadership within SAPD and the community for a safer San Antonio.

Integrity

Respect

Compassion

Fairness

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Media Advisory **Holiday Safety Tips**

Shopping

- Shop with someone, not alone
- Purses and wallets. Don't leave them unattended, even for a minute
- Don't carry a lot of money
- Put cash, credit cards, identification in different places or pockets
- If rushing, still be aware of surroundings
- Never leave children alone in store, car.
- If children get lost, tell them to find police officer or cashier
- ATM machine, keep in mind people can be watching

Vehicle

- Park in well-lit area
- Always lock doors
- Drive with windows closed
- Use any anti-theft device like alarm, steering wheel lock, kill switch
- Hide valuables, bags
- Don't leave children in cars

Home

- Don't put gifts/tree at window
- Hide valuables if you're having a party
- Ask neighbors to pick up mail/newspaper if you're going out-of-town
- Boxes – cut or tear up. Don't advertise what you got for Xmas
- If you have automatic timer, use it if you're going out-of-town

Outdoor

- Increase lighting around your house
- Having a dog is a good deterrent
- Placing no trespassing signs on fence or tree

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