

# Burglary @ Christmas



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Take some precautions to protect your property and valuables this Christmas:



If you are going out in the evening leave some **lights** and a **radio** on to make it look as though someone is at home. If you are going away for a few days use a **timer**.



As at any other time of the year, make sure all your **doors and windows** are secure, even when you are at home. Check everything is locked before you go to bed.



If you have a **burglar alarm**, make sure you set it when you go out and when you go to bed.



Before wrapping expensive Christmas presents write down the **model and serial number**.



Don't leave car keys, ID cards or **valuables near windows, doors or letterboxes**, where burglars can reach through to steal them.



If a burglar can see presents under your Christmas tree, they may want to steal them. Wait till the **morning of Christmas Day** to put your **presents under the tree**.



Lock your garden **gates** and **side entrances**. Don't leave tools lying around in the garden which could be used to break into your home.



**Mark your property** and valuables with a forensic security product such as SmartWater or special marker pen.

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