



Countdown to Christmas

Crime Prevention Advice

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

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TRAVEL

- ★ When parking your car use a Secure Parking car park if possible
- ★ When parking in the street, park under or near street lighting
- ★ Remove all valuables - don't leave them in the glove box or the boot
- ★ Never leave your keys in the ignition while your vehicle is unattended
- ★ Look up, Look out – be aware of your surroundings

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PERSONAL

- ★ Keep your handbag or wallet with you at all times and don't carry large amounts of cash.
- ★ Keys, wallet, phone – keep them with you, concealed and secure
- ★ If you are walking home, try and walk with a friend, stick to well-lit busy streets and make sure someone knows the route you are taking
- ★ Look up, Look out – be aware of your surroundings.

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HOME SECURITY

- ★ Avoid displaying your Christmas gifts in the front window or close to doors making it easily visible from the street.
- ★ Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots or above door ledges.
- ★ Lock away tools and ladders which can be stolen or be used to break into your home.
- ★ Securely lock sheds and garages

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SOCIALISING

- ★ If you're going to be out and about, travel with family and friends and use registered taxis.
- ★ Keys, wallet, phone – keep them with you, concealed and secure
- ★ Watch your drink – be aware of drink spiking or drinking beyond your limit
- ★ Remember – Stay together and plan your way home.
- ★ Look up, Look out – be aware of your surroundings

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BUSINESS SECURITY

- ★ When closed for Christmas make sure that your property is secure and you know who holds keys, alarm codes and has access to your building.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

- ★ Keep your handbag, wallet and mobile phone concealed and secure when shopping and trying on clothes.
- ★ When paying, pick up your purse or wallet - don't leave it on the counter.
- ★ Consider having your shopping delivered to your home so you are not struggling with bags.
- ★ When using your mobile phone in public, look up-look out and be aware of your surroundings.



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INTERNET SHOPPING

- ★ Log onto the website directly rather than clicking on links provided in an email because the email could be a scam.
- ★ When making financial transactions ensure that you are using a secure website. The address bar on a secure website will read <https://> and a padlock sign will appear at the bottom of your browser.



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GOING AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS

- ★ Make sure you lock the doors and windows
- ★ If you have a burglar alarm - use it!
- ★ If you have a neighbour or family member you can trust, ask them to open and close your curtains and turn lights on and off at different times – and bring in the post.



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OLDER PEOPLE

- ★ Be cautious of unknown callers
- ★ Always ask for ID. If in doubt, don't let them in
- ★ Never give banking or personal details to anyone you do not know or trust
- ★ If you have been a victim of a scam, report it to your bank immediately and to Action Fraud via their website or by calling them on 0300 123 2040
- ★ Look up, Look out – be aware of your surroundings



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LIGHTING

- ★ Use low energy bulbs and timer switches when you are out so it looks like you are at home.
- ★ Use a timer on your radio to make it sound like someone is home



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CASH MACHINES

- ★ If you do need cash - use cash machines in banks, post offices and shops
- ★ Use contactless payments if possible
- ★ Always cover your PIN
- ★ Look up, Look out – be aware of your surroundings



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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

- ★ Dispose of boxes and rubbish discreetly, leaving boxes outside will show you have new and valuable items at home
- ★ Make a note of model numbers and serial numbers of electrical items





Useful contacts

Wandsworth Common ward

WandsworthCommon@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8168
Mob: 07407 494440

Earlsfield ward

Earlsfield@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8155
Mob: 07880 169515

Furzedown ward

Furzedown@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8171
Mob: 07407 484749

Nightingale ward

Nightingale@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8014
Mob: 07407 490651

Bedford ward

Bedford@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8060
Mob: 07407 480066

Tooting ward

Tooting@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 7521
Mob: 07407 494029

Graveney ward

Graveney@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8171
Mob: 07407 484886

Roehampton ward

Roehampton@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8785 8874
Mob: 07741 128179

West Putney ward

WestPutney@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8785 8874
Mob: 07741 128192

Thamesfield ward

Thamesfield@met.police.uk
Tel: 02087858874

Southfields ward

Southfields@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8785 8874
Mob: 07880 148371

Fairfield ward

Fairfield@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8785 8874
Mob: 07741 128188

East Putney ward

EastPutney@met.police.uk
Tel: 02087858874

West Hill ward

WestHill@met.police.uk
Tel: 02087858874
Mob: 07741123587

Northcote ward

Northcote.SNT@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8602
Mob: 07407 491356

Queenstown ward

Queenstown.SNT@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8691

Shaftesbury ward

Shaftesbury.SNT@met.police.uk
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Mob: 07407 491356

Latchmere ward

Latchmere.SNT@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8605
Mob: 07474 489315

St Marys Park ward

StMaryspark.SNT@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8609
Mob: 07074 936758

Balham ward

Balham.SNT@met.police.uk
Tel: 020 8247 8612
Mob: 07407 474341

In a non-emergency, report crime by either:

- Reporting online:
www.met.police.uk/ro/report
- Calling 101
- Visit a local police station
- In an emergency, dial **999**