

# Christmas is a time for giving...






but sadly for taking, too!

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






## When you are out shopping

-  Keep valuables in inside pockets of clothing or bags.
-  Only carry the cash and cards that you need. Always shield the PIN pad when entering your PIN.
-  Park in an open, well-lit area. Visit [www.parkmark.co.uk](http://www.parkmark.co.uk) to find accredited 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.
-  Never leave your bag unattended on your trolley whilst shopping and don't leave it in your vehicle when returning your trolley.

## 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 cash 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 are out for the evening

-  NEVER leave your valuables 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, never drink and drive and 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. Check you have adequate insurance for your belongings.
-  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 timer switches to operate lamps 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! Always decline doorstep traders

Mark your possessions with your postcode. CREMARK and similar property marking systems and products are available to buy from Nottinghamshire Police's Pre Crime Unit. For further information visit our website [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/crimefighter](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/crimefighter) or call us on **101 ext 800 3011**. Register your property securely and for free on the national property marking database [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)