

- **Holiday Safety Hazards at home**
 - When leaving, lock windows and doors, even if you will only be gone for a few minutes.
 - When leaving for an extend period of time, have someone pick up your mail or have it temporarily stopped.
 - Use an automatic timer for indoor and outdoor lights.
 - Leave on a radio or television so that it sounds as if the premises is occupied.
 - Ensure displays of gifts or valuables are not visible through windows.
 - Ensure doors and walkways are clear when putting up holiday displays.
 - Ensure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base.

- **Holiday Safety Hazards while driving:**
 - Keep all doors locked and windows closed while both in and out of the automobile.
 - If the vehicle has an alarm, be sure to set it.
 - Do not park next to vans, trucks, or camper shells with no windows.
 - Park as close to your destination as possible, and pay attention to where you parked.
 - Never leave children in an unoccupied car and never leave the motor running in an unoccupied car.
 - Ensure that you have keys handy before you get to the vehicle.

- **Holiday Safety for ATMs:**
 - Choose an ATM that is located inside or outside in a well-lit area.
 - Protect your pin number by shielding the ATM keypad with your body.
 - Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

- **Holiday Safety while shopping:**
 - Shop during daylight hours if possible.
 - Dress casually and comfortably.
 - Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
 - If possible, do not carry cash or a wallet.
 - Keep cash in your front pocket.
 - Carry only identification, cash, or credit cards that you plan to use.
 - Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
 - When possible, pay for purchases with a check or credit card.

- Strangers at the Door:
 - Stay alert - criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering packages.
 - Criminals commonly solicit donations for non-existent charities. Donate only to a recognized charity.

- Holiday Hazards when shopping online:
 - Be aware of identity theft, credit card fraud, and counterfeit goods.
 - “THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK.”
 - Choose a credit card over a debit card; disposable cards are even better.
 - Verify website security and limit your purchases to secure sites.
 - Do not shop publicly (no public computers or shared/open networks).
 - Do not store information elsewhere.
 - Shop at trusted sites.

- Use SCAM:
 - S(tingy): Be stingy about giving your personal information to others, unless there is a reason to trust them.
 - C(heck): Check the transactions of your financial institution regularly.
 - A(sk): Ask for a copy of your credit report periodically.
 - M(aintain): Maintain careful financial and banking records.



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