

Harrow Police Christmas crime prevention advice

- **Keep presents and valuables out of sight, away from windows and doors. Close your curtains when it gets dark so burglars can't see in.**
- **Lock all windows and doors out with a key when you go out.**
- **Make your home look occupied whilst you are out, leave some lights and a radio on or invest in timer switches, which can turn lights and radios on. Remember to turn off festive lights when unattended to avoid a fire.**
- **Do not carry or withdraw large amounts of cash whilst shopping or socialising.**
- **When carrying bags make sure they are fastened securely – if you are a wheelchair user keep bags in front of you where you can see them.**
- **Do not flash your valuables – mobiles, MP3 players, and purses – Keep them out of sight and secure in your bag or pocket.**
- **When using public transport make that you call or text before you leave the train station where it is well lit, staffed and safe, then put your mobile away.**
- **Don't leave bags of presents or shopping on display in your car – always use the boot and make sure you take valuables including your car stereo, Sat Nav and holder with you when leaving your car. Always wipe away the circular ring left by the Sat Nav suction pads.**
- **Drink responsibly, enjoy the festivities but be aware of your surroundings and plan how you will get home safely – arrange to travel home with friends and only use minicabs that are licensed. Text HOME to 60835.**
- **When travelling don't take risks or short cuts, stick to well lit main routes and let someone know where you are going.**
- **Keep an eye on the vulnerable and elderly neighbours; consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch group.**



The 12 tips of Christmas from your Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT)

- On the first day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
No presents under the tree
- On the second day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Lock all doors and windows
- On the third day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Use timer switches
- On the fourth day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Don't carry too much cash
- On the fifth day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Use licensed cabs
- On the sixth day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Don't flash your Ipad
- On the seventh day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Use your mobile safely
- On the eighth day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Take out your Sat Nav
- On the ninth day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Don't leave your shopping out
- On the tenth day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Keep your bags where you can see them
- On the eleventh day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Only drink responsibly
- On the twelfth day of Christmas, a policeman said to me:
Watch out for your neighbours

Don't let a burglar spoil your Christmas

