



*COLCHESTER BOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH  
SEASONAL TIPS TO MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS A HAPPY ONE*

*When out shopping*

- Keep your purse in your handbag
- Keep your Handbag zipped at all times
- Keep your credit cards safe and take extra care when using a cash point machine or chip and pin - don't let anyone see your pin number
- Don't leave your bag unattended it can be snatched very easily
- Don't leave your bag in the shopping trolley while you shop
- Keep alert when using your mobile it is very easy for someone to snatch it out of your hand
- Always put parcels in the boot of your car
- Don't leave valuables on the seat of your car it attracts thieves
- Keep the car door locked even when travelling
- Don't leave your keys in your car

*At home*

- Presents look really nice under the Christmas tree but they also entice the burglars - why not put them under the tree early Christmas morning?
- or keep the tree out of view from the window
- Lock and bolt your doors and windows
- Keep valuables out of sight of passers-by
- If you are expecting a parcel make sure someone is there when it is delivered
- Or ask a Neighbour to take it in; don't leave it on the door step
- Keep keys, mobiles, purses, wallets and other valuable items locked away out of sight
- Don't leave your keys in the door at any time
- Never leave keys in view of the windows or doors (key-fishers love it when you do it makes it so easy for them)

*Outside your home*

- Keep all sheds locked at all times
- Keep your garage locked at all times
- Think about fitting a security alarm they are inexpensive and do deter undesirables
- Fit a security light in the garden/front of house
- Lock your garden gate
- Don't leave keys under a stone or flower pot
- Keep all tools locked away including lawnmower cycles
- Lock ladders secure so that they cannot be taken

*If you are travelling or going away*

- Always tell someone where you are going
- How long you will be
- Ask a Neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- Cancel paper and the milk deliveries
- Set timers for lights or radio to give the impression the house is not empty



*HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE, CRIME FREE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR FROM ALL AT CBNW  
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