

10 TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME DURING THE HOLIDAYS.



HOLIDAY THEFT

Burglary over the holiday season tends to rise during December. The best thing to do is to make sure that you secure everything that can be stolen. Lock up your cars and homes!



CREATIVE DISPOSAL

Dispose of your present boxes creatively – placing your 60" TV box outside in your garbage is asking for trouble. Try and break down boxes and other packaging as to not give away the wonderful gifts your family received.



LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON

Perpetrators usually don't approach homes that appear to be occupied. Leave an outside light switched on at night (or set them with a timer). Leave some of the inside lights switched on to give the appearance that someone is home.



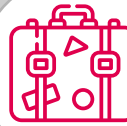
SOCIAL MEDIA

In today's inter-connected age, it's important to be careful about what you share on Social Media. Be careful about what you post and if you do decide to share images of your gifts make sure you don't have your location tagged



PACKAGE DELIVERIES

More and more people are purchasing gifts and items online. If you're expecting packages, ensure that you are home when your purchases are delivered.



TRAVEL

If you're traveling to visit family or going on holiday, wait until after your trip to post about it on Social Media. Have a good friend or neighbour check on your house every few days to give you an update.



COOKING HAZARDS

While preparing a home-cooked Christmas lunch is top of your to-do lists, you need to ensure that cooking items such as stoves and ovens are turned off when you're done or leave your home. Forgetting these on could turn your home into a Christmas disaster.



DECORATIONS & LIGHTING

Make sure not to run extension cords through windows or garage doors. Just the slightest crack can expose your home to perpetrators.



DECORATION HAZARDS

Christmas tree fires can be devastating for what is normally a beacon of happiness. If you have a tree up in your home, ensure that any lights that you may use are checked for breaks or exposed wires.



WHO'S AT THE DOOR?

Criminals can try and scope your home posing as a delivery person or looking for someone. Be cautious when talking to people you're unfamiliar with and don't open your door or gate for anyone that you don't know.

At MiWay, we understand that life is not just about "things" - but the meaning that those things bring to your life.