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Crime Prevention Checklist

## Christmas Burglary

**Don't give  
a burglar  
an easy  
Christmas  
present**



Have you got lots of expensive presents in your home?

Are you out during the evenings, shopping or at Christmas parties?



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## Christmas Burglary - Key Facts:

By taking a few simple steps you can reduce the chances of a burglar ruining your Christmas

- Always keep doors and windows locked, remove the keys from the lock and don't leave them on view
- Use timer switches on lights to keep your home looking occupied when you are out
- Fake/simulated TV units can give the impression that someone is in when your home is empty (never leave the actual TV on)
- Don't put Christmas presents under the tree before you need to
- Make sure valuables are not left on show – i.e. laptops, tablets, phones and put the charger/power cables out of view
- Take packaging from Christmas gifts to be recycled, don't advertise what you've got to burglars by leaving packaging outside next to bins

**For further advice please do not hesitate to contact your local Crime Prevention Officer – details can be found on the West Yorkshire Police website [www.westyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk)**