

SANTA'S LIST OF CHRISTMAS SAFETY TIPS

Christmas is looking a little different this year, but it is still a time for celebrations and enjoying festivities. Without taking extra care, it is easy to become distracted with Zoom calls and Christmas quizzes, and easy for disaster to strike.

Ensure you have a safer and happy festive season by following our top tips.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND USEFUL ADVICE PLEASE VISIT THE BELOW WEBPAGES:

- **Kent Police - Crime prevention:**
<https://www.kent.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>
- **Coronavirus guidance:**
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period>
- **Coronavirus – support for community:**
<https://www.dover.gov.uk/Community/Coronavirus-help-for-the-community.aspx>
- **Domestic abuse advice:**
<https://www.dover.gov.uk/Community/Community-Safety/Crime-safety-advice/Domestic-abuse.aspx>
- **Kent County Council and your local district council may be able to help with the cost of boiler replacement or insulation through the Warm Homes Scheme:**
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/campaigns-and-events/warm-homes>
- **For toy safety please visit:**
<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/product/toy-safety>



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1 SLEIGH SAFETY
Put your shopping in the boot – don't leave bags in sight on the seat. Lock your doors while driving.

2 'TIS THE SEASON OF PURSE SNATCHERS
Make sure you keep your handbag close at all times. Keep your purse or wallet secure and out of sight as much as possible.

3 SECURE YOUR HO-HO-HOME
Don't be an easy target – thieves will go elsewhere if they have to work hard to steal your stuff. Make sure you lock your windows and doors. Don't invite thieves into your home.

4 DON'T LET THIEVES STEAL YOUR CHRISTMAS
Make sure valuables can't be seen from outside your home. Don't leave Christmas presents in view from outside. Move expensive TVs, audio equipment or computers away from windows or use blinds to keep them hidden from view.

5 LIGHT UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Leave a light on when you go out, or use an electronic timer. But make sure you turn off tree lights and other decorations.

6 SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS
Make sure you don't equip a thief with the tools to break into your home. Lock up garden tools, ladders or anything else that might help a thief commit crime.

7 SHOP TILL YOU DROP
But keep your shopping bags with you – don't leave them unattended.

8 RAISE A GLASS OR THREE
Christmas is a time for over-indulging. On your night out make sure you stick together with friends and look after each other – don't become isolated

9 ONLY SANTA HAS A MAGICAL VEHICLE
Don't drink and drive - get a taxi or organise a designated driver

10 ON A PLATE
Only get into a licensed taxi – make sure it has a licence plate before you get into a car.

11 MERRY AND BRIGHT
Don't leave your drink unattended. Don't accept a drink from a stranger.

12 CORONAVIRUS SECURE
Check the latest government guidance to keep yourself and others covid free.



HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS - STAY SAFE AND SECURE