



LEE'S SUMMIT
POLICE DEPARTMENT

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **Holiday Safety at Home**
- **Holiday Party Safety**
- **Shopping and Park Lot Safety**
- **Winter Weather Safety**

Holiday Safety Tips

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Holiday Safety at Home

Tips for Holiday Safety at Home:

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your house or apartment, even for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- If you go out for the evening, turn on lights and a radio or TV so the house or apartment appears to be occupied.
- If you plan to be out-of-town during the holiday season, have some interior lights activated by an automatic timer. Ask a neighbor or family mem-

ber to watch your house, shovel new snow, pick up the mail and newspaper, and park his/her vehicle in your driveway from



time to time.

- Be wary of strangers soliciting for charitable donations. Ask for identification, how donated funds are used, if contributions are tax deductible, etc. If you aren't satisfied with the an-

swers, don't give.

- Make sure electric lights on your home or Christmas tree are in good working order. Don't leave lights on overnight or when you're away from home.
- Avoid leaving boxes from purchases (especially TV's, gaming systems, computers, etc.) on the curb for trash pick-up. Personally take them to the Lee's Summit Resource Recovery Park and Recycling Center, 2101 SE Hamblen Road (816) 969-1980.

Holiday Party Safety



- Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests.
- Serve something to eat before serving alcoholic beverages. High protein foods stay in the stomach longer and slow absorption of alcohol into the system.

- Have alternative transportation for intoxicated persons. **Don't let guests drink and drive!**

Shopping and Parking Lot Safety



Use the “buddy system” when shopping this holiday season.

- Shop before dark.
- Never park in an unlit area, no matter how convenient it is.
- Lock packages and gifts in your trunk. Keep your vehicle’s doors locked and windows closed. **Don’t leave any valuables in plain view.**
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay with a check, or debit / credit card.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry your purse under your arm; your wallet inside a jacket pocket.
- Get your keys ready before leaving the store. Don’t allow for distractions in the parking lot.
- Always walk briskly, confidently, and purposefully; keeping your eyes up and paying attention to your surroundings.
- Consider leaving the store with other customers or ask a security guard to walk you to your car.
- **Never leave your car running** at home or in parking lots, even if you’ll only be gone for a few minutes.

“Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get.”
—Mark Twain



Winter Weather Safety

- Store rock salt, sand, snow shovels, non-perishable food, and bottled water before winter weather arrives.
- Make sure you don’t run short on prescription medications.
- Maintain at least a half tank of gas in all your vehicles. Check anti-freeze levels and windshield wiper fluid levels. Place ice scrapers or deicer in each vehicle.
- Keep warm clothing and a blanket in your vehicle in case you become stranded.
- If you’re caught outside, watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia, including loss of feeling in fingers, toes, ears, or nose; uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, and slurred speech.
- When a winter storm warning is issued, stay indoors and wait for the weather to pass instead of driving through the storm.

For More Information...

For more information regarding crime prevention tips and personal safety, please visit the City of Lee’s Summit’s website at:

www.cityofls.net

Or, contact Community Interaction Officer Beth Glover at:

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