



Holiday Safety

Unfortunately, criminals don't take holidays, and we urge everyone to keep their safety and security top of mind throughout the holiday period. Our senior team shares safety tips for the holidays:

Neville Rothfusz, General Manager: Operations

- Secure your home or business before leaving, double-check locks and alarms to ensure a safe return.
- Fire safety must be a priority - be cautious with decorations, candles, and lights.
- If you're travelling, plan your route, ensure your vehicle is in good condition, and avoid fatigue by taking breaks.
- Be aware of local safety updates and weather forecasts, especially if you're in an area prone to specific seasonal risks.

Andre du Plessis, General Manager: Guarding Operations

- Be mindful when making use of e-hailing services.
- Be cautious of the information you share on social media, e.g. travel plans, celebrations, etc.

Grant Moulder, General Manager: Reaction

- When going away, please put a dedicated friend or family member in charge of your house or business and add them to the list of contact people in case of an emergency in your absence. Often, clients go away, and we are unable to gain access in an emergency - so please give them access so we can check your property.
- Cell phone theft is rampant. Do not have your cell phone visible when walking in the street near restaurants. We have noticed an increase in cell phone snatching in the vicinity of entertainments establishments, as well as running and cycling routes.

Before You Leave On Holiday

- Test all your electronic systems before you go on holiday – alarm, electric fence, beams, batteries, and panic buttons.
- Alert the 24/7 Command Centre that you will be away and ensure that all your contact details are correct. If you are going to be out of contact, appoint a trusted key holder who will be local for the duration of your holiday.
- Walk the perimeter of your property and inspect all fences, gates, and walls. Ensure that there are no weak spots where criminals can gain entry.
- Ensure that all doors and windows are securely closed and locked before you leave the property - this includes outbuildings and garages. Ensure that burglar bars are secure and that safety gates are locked.
- Ensure that you have good outdoor lighting that switches on at night. Motion sensor lights are always a good investment.

Travel Safety

- Never leave your luggage unattended
- Store valuables in the hotel's safety deposit box
- Keep your room locked, whether you're in it or not
- If someone knocks, check who it is before opening the door
- Avoid ostentatious displays of expensive jewellery, cameras and other valuables
- Do not carry large sums of cash with you
- At night, steer clear of dark, isolated and unknown areas, and park in well-lit areas
- It's better to explore in groups and to stick to well-lit, busy streets
- Plan your driving route in advance
- Keep the car doors locked at all times and wind the windows up
- Lock valuable items in the boot
- Browse local social media pages and groups to find information relating to safe venues, trails, and beaches



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