



Holiday Crime Prevention Safety Tips

**Presented by
Fremont Police Investigations**



Overview

- **Residential Burglary Prevention**
- **Auto Burglary Prevention**
- **Package Theft Prevention**
- **Holiday Fraud Scams**
- **How and when to contact FPD**



Residential Burglary Prevention



Residential Burglary Facts

- **Residential Burglary Investigations is a high priority for the Department.**
- **Goal is to keep residents safe and prevent property theft**
- **Six FPD Detectives assigned to investigate residential burglaries**



Burglary Trends

- **Most burglaries occur between 8am-4pm**
- **Suspects often attempt contact before breaking in (door knock)**
- **Common methods of entry :**
 - **Unsecured doors & windows**
 - **Smashing/prying of windows**
 - **Door kicks**
- **Common property taken includes :**
 - **Small Electronics (iPads, cell phones, laptops)**
 - **Jewelry**
 - **Firearms**
 - **Currency**



Burglary Prevention

- **Lock all doors and windows**
- **Lock all firearms, jewelry and valuables in a safe that is bolted to a wall or floor.**
- **Display alarm signs and stickers**
- **Install locks on all side gate access points**
- **Install exterior motion lights**
- **Invest in alarm/surveillance camera systems**



Auto Burglary Prevention



Auto Burglary Facts

- **Approx. \$1.26 billion in items are stolen from autos each**
- **Unlocked vehicles result in approx 25% of thefts**
- **A complete auto burglary can happen in less than 20 seconds**
- **Targeted Items include:**
 - **Sunglasses**
 - **cd's**
 - **Laptops**
 - **Stereos**
 - **Backpacks**
 - **Wallets**
 - **iPods & iPads**
 - **currency**



Auto Burglary Prevention

- **Always** park in well-lit areas
- **Always** place valuables in the trunk before you reach your destination.
- **Always** hide and conceal all accessories
- **Always** close all windows, lock your vehicle, and set your alarm
- **Never** leave valuables in sight
- **Never** leave your electronic items on
- **Never** leave vehicles unlocked or unattended for any reason
- **Never** store a spare key on/in your vehicle



Auto Burglary Prevention

Auto burglaries are a crime of opportunity. Don't give thieves the opportunity to make you a victim!

Remove it, Lock it

or

you will LOSE it



Package Theft Prevention



Package Theft Facts

- **585 million packages were delivered by UPS alone in December 2014.**
- **This year they expect 6 to 7 days to surpass 31 million packages delivered in a single day.**
- **Busiest week in anticipated to be 12/14-12/18 with most of these orders coming from online purchases.**



Package Theft Prevention

- **Install video surveillance systems**
- **Install a doorbell camera**
- **Have packages delivered to delivery company warehouse for pickup**
- **Time specific package delivery**
- **Track packages**
- **Use workplace as shipping address**
- **Request signature delivery option**
- **Some companies will store packages in their warehouse allowing you to coordinate a pick up time**
- **Check the shipping options and pick the one making the delivery most convenient for you.**



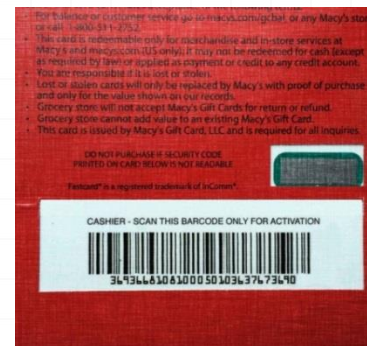
Holiday Fraud Scams



The Gift Card Scam

Some of the most common include:

1. **Stolen before Purchase (thieves write down the number and leave the gift card, redeeming it when the card gets purchased & activated legitimately)**
2. **Tampered Packaging (thieves replace new with empty cards while leaving the packaging intact)**
3. **Secondary Markets - QuiBids (on-line (sellers ask for payment in gift cards and then never send the item purchased))**





ATM Skimming



- **Hidden electronics are used to steal personal information from the card.**
- **The second part involves recording your PIN**
- **Chip and Pin Technologies (Pros and Cons)**



Online Sales

- **Be a cautious online shopper.**
- **Do NOT click on unknown banner ads.**
- **Be leery of your friends?**
- **Remember, if it is too good to be true, then it is.**

SALE

UP TO 60% OFF

PLUS FREE SHIPPING

SHOP NOW FOR THE BEST SELECTION

SALE

**UP TO 50% OFF
ORIGINAL PRICES***

*Online only. Use code **BIGDEAL**.*



If you are a victim...

- **Call the companies where you know fraud occurred.**
- **Request a fraud alert and get a copy of your credit report.**
- **File a report with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). www.ftc.gov/complaint**
- **File an online police report (when no suspect is known) at www.fremontpolice.org**
- **More resources - www.identitytheft.gov**



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
PROTECTING AMERICA'S CONSUMERS



Contact FPD and Stay Connected

For any additional questions, concerns, inquiries please feel free to contact us at:

Fremontpolice@Fremont.gov

www.FremontPolice.org

