

*"Cherish your visions and your dreams, as they are the children of your soul, the blueprints of your ultimate achievements."* Napoleon Hill

## BURGLARS LOVE THE HOLIDAY SEASON

If you are planning to leave your home over the Christmas break, please give some thought to its security. An empty house with clear signs the owners are away is a "prime target for criminals to do their Christmas shopping at your expense".

Your local Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters are filled with excellent advice on taking some simple precautions. We love their line that "while you're relaxing at Christmas time, others are only just beginning their work."! The following are a few suggestions:

- Cancel all milk and papers deliveries. Have your mail held or redirected until you get back.
- Have a friend pick up junk mail and arrange for the wheelie bins in and out.
- Arrange to have the lawns mown and plants watered.
- Have sensor lights on timers.
- Install security cameras.
- Turn down the telephone so it can't be heard from outside.
- Inform the local police and give them your contact details while away.
- Have window locks installed and place lengths of dowel in the track.
- Don't leave any spare keys outside the home as often intruders find and use these to enter the home (especially if you leave them under the pot at the back door-burglars would never think to look there!!).

*We extend our best wishes to all for a wonderful 2019*



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