

GLANMOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SAFETY TIPS FOR CHRISTMAS

1. Ensure that ALL doors and windows are locked whenever you leave the house, even if you are only just popping in next door.
2. Do the same a night – but ensure there is an easy exit route in the event of an emergency.
3. Fit and use a door chain and viewer – always verify the callers' identity before opening the door to him/her.
4. Illuminate your house with timer switches. An unlit house is the equivalent of an invitation to a burglar – the same applies when you go on holidays.
5. Don't leave ladders or other tools outside your property – they may be used by a burglar to gain entry into the house.
6. Mark your property with your postcode and house number by engraving or etching, or alternatively a Ultra-Violet marker pen.
7. A picture paints a thousand words – a photograph of valuable and sentimental items may help in their recovery if stolen.
8. Don't keep too much cash in the house – use cheques or credit/debit cards for your purchases.
9. Have a burglar alarm fitted to your property. Check that your Christmas decorations won't set the alarm off!
10. If you are going away for Christmas or holidays, ask a friend or neighbour to check your property regularly.
11. Report any suspicious activity that you see to the Police immediately. This is very important.
12. If you have Christmas presents in the car, lock them in the boot if you have to leave the vehicle. Hide everything. To contact the police in an emergency dial 999; for all non-emergencies you should phone 0845 330 2000.