

Dear resident,

Christmas is a busy time of the year for everyone, including criminals.

However, a high percentage of crime is opportunist in nature and this Christmas we are seeking your assistance in preventing this type of crime.

Please read the information enclosed and do not let criminals enjoy Christmas at your expense.

[www.lincs.police.uk](http://www.lincs.police.uk)

<b>CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE</b>		<b>101</b>	<b>IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999</b>
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FOR NON-URGENT INCIDENTS, REPORT ONLINE  
[www.lincs.police.uk/onlinereporting](http://www.lincs.police.uk/onlinereporting)

Find us on: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor

## Connect with Lincolnshire Police on **nextdoor**

**Nextdoor is a free, social networking platform where residents can get in touch with their neighbours and local police officers to help keep their neighbourhoods safe.**

Communities across the country have been using Nextdoor for several years and over 80,000 people in Lincolnshire are already registered. Now, alongside updates from your local area, you can receive safety advice, urgent alerts, appeals and messages from Lincolnshire Police.



Join at [nextdoor.co.uk](http://nextdoor.co.uk)

or download the Nextdoor app



To report something to the police:

- Visit [www.lincs.police.uk](http://www.lincs.police.uk)
- Call 101
- Visit CrimeStoppers UK to give information anonymously



Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year  
from Lincolnshire Police



Have a happy and  
crime free Christmas  
and New Year.



## HOME

### Don't make your home a shop window.

Don't leave presents or valuables in view, close curtains when it gets dark and lock windows and doors (even if you are home).

### Don't make your home attractive to burglars by leaving it in darkness.

Use a timer switch, leave a lamp on or invest in a cost-effective crime reduction product.

### If your car is iced over, do not leave it running whilst you stay warm inside.

It takes seconds to steal and will invalidate your insurance leaving you with no car.

### Do not keep large sums of cash in the house.

If this is unavoidable ensure it is locked away in a safe.

### Mark your property.

Register it on a property register. For bikes try [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com).

### Keep your receipts.

Insurance companies often won't pay out without proof of purchase.

## AWAY

### If you're out for the night, plan your return journey.

Do not use unlicensed taxis, drink responsibly and be aware of surroundings.

### Always lock your vehicle and never leave anything on view.

Sat Navs, wallets, presents, cash etc.

### Christmas shopping is expensive!

Keep wallets, purses and phones in a zipped pocket or bag. Not in your back pocket.

### Be mindful of what you are posting on Social Media.

Don't publish your whereabouts or expensive presents you have received on Social Media.

### At the cash machine be aware of who is around you.

Cover the keypad with your hand before entering a pin. Put cash away immediately.

### When you get home, place your keys and wallets away from letterboxes.

In a drawer or upstairs. Use a Faraday bag or card defender to protect bank cards and electronic keys.

## FRAUD

**We know fraud can affect anyone at any time, and whilst Christmas is a time for giving, please be careful what you are giving and to whom.**

Cross the fraudsters off your Christmas list and make sure they get nothing this year.

**Never assume that someone is who they say they are.**

This is relevant to all types of fraud.

**Check out the Company or bank websites.**

Are you being asked for something those sites state you will never be asked for? (PIN numbers, card details or personal information).

**Research sellers if buying a pet.**

Make sure you research who you are buying from and that they are a legitimate seller.

**Keep track of receipts and confirmation emails for online purchases.**

If you receive a message about your parcel and you are unsure, visit the site where you purchased your item and check your parcel's status there.

