



Crime Prevention December 2019



Holiday Trash - Don't Invite Trouble Temporary Recycling Centers

That wonderful gift you received for Christmas can be an open invitation to a burglary if you don't use common-sense practices in disposing of the boxes and containers. Before opening gifts, be diligent to place any boxes inside the recycle container. Don't place boxes on display at the curb. Starting Christmas Eve, we have locations open and ready:

Locations Open Christmas Eve till Jan. 1, 2020

W.G. Roe Park (on Lake Shipp, 24 7th St SW); Rotary Park (350 6th St NE)
Lake Hartridge Nature Park (1901 Havendale Blvd.) ; Chain of Lakes Elementary (7001 County Rd 653)

Parking Lot Prowlers



An increase in people walking thru parking lots occurs this time of year. And they aren't shopping in the stores - they are looking for an opportunity.

- * Never leave valuables in plain view
- * Hide chargers and accessories that could indicate electronics are inside
- * Remove garage door openers, key cards or other keys
- * Park in well-lit areas at night
- * Always keep your head up and watch people - and
- * **If You See Something, Say Something!**

Keep Your Identity Safe and Don't Let Your Guard Down!

Despite your best efforts to protect your personal information, skilled identity thieves may use a variety of methods to gain access to your data.

Be Cautious and Restrict How Much Information You Give Out

Thieves steal mail, including bank and credit card statements, credit card offers, new checks, tax information and of course holiday cards as they may contain money or gift cards. Thieves rummage through residential and business trash

Use Locking Mailboxes, Check Mail Often and Shred Before Tossing

Always shred anything with your banking or personal information
Shred those credit card offers and "cash advance now" checks

Closely Monitor Your Bank Accounts and Credit Card Statements

Temporary workers at stores during the holidays could be more than willing to "borrow" your credit card number to complete their own wish list
Don't lose sight of your credit card at a store. And if at a restaurant, you are not comfortable with the server taking your credit card out of sight, ask for a manager and express concerns with this practice, especially during the holidays. They may have measures already in place that assure your information is safe.

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