

Eight Security Tips for Easter



At holiday times we are all likely to overlook some of the very basic precautions we would normally take with respect to security. Easter is approaching and listed below are eight tips to ponder on.

1. Do not assume that thieves holiday. Money in purses and wallets is particularly attractive to the pickpocket - consider distributing your money amongst several pockets. Items you buy are more secure in a zippered bag than in an open plastic carrier bag.
2. If you are using a car for a shopping trip or other outing, when you park the car make sure all contents are out of sight, preferably in the boot.
3. Maybe sunny days will be spent in the back garden. Caution—an unlocked door or accessible window would be an invitation to an opportunist thief.
4. To obtain money for the holidays, avoid vulnerable situations such as withdrawing cash from an isolated ATM (automatic teller machine) at night.
5. When using a debit or credit card in a store do not let the card out of your sight and avoid being overlooked when keying in your PIN number. Do not forget to shred your till receipts before disposing of them.
6. If you have guests staying with you for Easter, explain how you secure your house, such as locking windows and doors and setting the burglar alarm. Let them know the escape route in the event of fire.
7. If you are going away for Easter take the usual precautions of making it appear that you are at home. Ask a neighbour to keep a watch on your property.
8. Finally, Easter is a popular time for shed burglaries. Thieves know that sheds often contain hundreds of pounds worth of garden and d-i-y equipment. A shed alarm acts as a deterrent and the battery operated ones are not expensive.