

Tips for a safe holiday season

The South Lake Tahoe Police Department has the following safety tips for the holiday season:

Vehicle safety:

- Park your vehicle in a well-lighted area.
- Ensure all of your car doors are locked.
- Hide shopping bags and other valuables in the trunk or out of site.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid displaying large amounts of cash.
- Give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination as the roadway may be icy.
- Do not drink and drive. Designate a sober driver.
- Never text and drive.
- Do not leave your vehicle running and

unattended.

Safety at home:

- Keep candles out of reach of children.
- Never burn candles near flammable items.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Do not burn wrapping paper or wreaths in your fireplace.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned once a year.
- Inspect stringed lighting for fraying. A small fray in the wiring could ignite a fire.

Online purchases/deliveries:

- Only purchase from trusted websites.
- Use a credit card or pre-paid card for online purchases.

- If you are making a Craigslist purchase, find a safe location to make the transaction.
- If you are expecting a package, tell a trusted neighbor to keep an eye out for the delivery.