



SANTA ROSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Crime Prevention

Holiday Tips For Your Home **December 2014**

The Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and would like to remind you during the holiday season and throughout the year to be aware of your surroundings with these tips:

- 👮 Never let a stranger into your house. If someone comes to your door and wants in for any reason, do not let them in and keep your door locked while you are talking with them.
- 👮 Anyone selling anything is required to have a solicitor permit in Santa Rosa County on their person and utility companies will have a company ID and/or uniform.
- 👮 When working in your yard, keep your garage door closed and doors locked, especially doors you may not see someone enter.
- 👮 Be aware if someone makes contact with you to assure they are not just distracting you so that a partner working with them can enter your home.
- 👮 If you notice a suspicious vehicle, write down the license number and the make, model and color of the vehicle.
- 👮 If you are going out-of-town for the holidays, make arrangements with relatives or neighbors to pick up your papers and mail or have it stopped and ask someone you trust to report anything suspicious at your residence during this time.
- 👮 Always lock your vehicles and never leave any personal items to be seen. Never leave your keys inside the vehicle anywhere.
- 👮 Always trust your instincts – if something feels strange or bad to you, it probably is!
- 👮 Report suspicious persons or activity immediately to the Sheriff's Office at (850) 983-1191.