



## **Christmas Crime Prevention Message 9**

Christmas is a time for sharing gifts with loved ones, but unfortunately there are people who want to take advantage of this. Keep your homes and property safe by following these safety tips.

- ❖ Close your curtains or blinds when it gets dark to prevent showing off what you have
- ❖ Always use timer switches on lights whenever you go out. Having additional lights on switches can give the impression that people are moving around
- ❖ Flickering lights are available that give the impression that someone is watching TV in a dark room
- ❖ If you order things online, make sure you have a secure place the delivery drivers can leave things if you're out. Alternatively leave it with a trusted neighbour
- ❖ Keep doors and windows closed and locked whenever you're not in the room to avoid opportunist thieves entering your home
- ❖ If you plan on giving someone a bike for Christmas, pre-register it on the free national bike registry site [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com) and get it property marked