

12 Days of Christmas...safety

Auckland, 13 December 2016 – Christmas holidays can either be fabulous or fraught, so here are 12 ways to keep your belongings safe and yourself stress-free from AA Insurance.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me.....

Twelve BBQ dinners

Keep your barbie away from flammable things like buildings and hedges, don't leave cooking unattended, and when you're finished check the gas is off or thoroughly douse the ashes – and keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Eleven wrapped presents

Gifts under the tree are tempting for thieves so make sure they, and other valuables, can't be seen from the outside your home. Dispose of any tell-tale packaging.

Ten dollar bills

Keep your wits about you when taking cash out of an ATM, counting money in the open, or putting it in your bag or wallet.

Nine car park collisions

Car parks can be busy at Christmas so keep an eye out for reversing drivers, runaway trolleys, and children – and if you ding someone's car leave your details.

Eight momentary lapses

Don't leave your belongings unattended - even if it's just for a matter of seconds while you get cutlery at a café or a can of beans at the supermarket.

Seven shopping bags

If you need to leave items in your car so you can purchase that last gift, then keep your shopping in the boot where it can't be seen.

Six security options

Protect your home while you're away with alarms, security lights, and deadlocks on doors and windows.

Put away items like wheelie bins and ladders that could help burglars get into your home. Ask your neighbours to keep an eye on the place and clear mail. Don't post your location on social media.

Five smoke alarms

It depends on the size of your home or holiday accommodation but, no matter the number, the Fire Service recommends long-life photoelectric type smoke alarms – and regular testing to ensure they operate effectively.

Four days at the beach

Leave the valuables at home if you're going to the beach, or if you're unable to, then put them in the boot or out of sight in a locked car.

Three road trips

If you're heading away make sure you're not distracted – get your phone on hands-free, the music sorted before you start, and you've packed some activities to keep the kids occupied.

Two visits to the rellies

Before you visit whanau, remove all the things you don't need to leave in the car while you're parked outside, and remember to take your valuables - phone, bag, electronic gear - inside or, if you have to, lock it in the boot out of sight.

....and an up-to-date insurance po-li-cy!

If you've added new items to your house, holiday home, or caravan, done some renovations, or updated your car, check you have enough insurance cover to protect your belongings.

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