

# Hawaii Police Department

## Holiday Crime Prevention & Driving Safety Tips

### While Your Away from Home

**Remember to place your mail, packages, and newspaper on hold.** Criminals notice when the mail piles up or newspapers are scattered on the lawn. Criminals know this is a good indication that you are out of town.

**Place your lights, televisions, and radios on timers.** This provides the image that someone is home. Be sure to close all blinds to ensure a potential criminal does not have the ability to peer inside your residence and monitor activity.

**Be sure to lock all doors, windows, garage doors, storage sheds, vehicles, and gates prior to leaving your residence.**

**Remember to set your security alarm system if you have one.** Test your system prior to leaving, to ensure it is functioning correctly. Ensure your personal contact information is also up-to-date; to ensure your alarm monitoring company has the ability to reach you.

**Have a close trustworthy friend or relative check on your residence while you are away.**

**As excited as you may be to update your friends about your travel on social media, you may strongly wish to reconsider.** Remember, anyone that is able to access your social media profile, will gain insight that you are away. Potential criminals pay attention to these details and could attempt to break into your home.

### Driving Safety Tips during the Holidays

**Ensure all occupants are properly restrained** with seat belts or car seats.

**Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.**

**Before drinking, please designate a sober driver** and give that person your keys. If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.

**If you see a drunk or aggressive driver on the road, immediately contact 911** as soon as safely possible.

**If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys** and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely