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12 Tips for A Safe Christmas

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Christmas is a very magical time of the year. The lights, decorations and celebrations for the young and young at heart. However amidst the joy and laughter of the season, we at Sagicor would like to provide you with 12 Essential Tips for Safety at the Holidays.

1. Make sure your Home insurance coverage is up to date. Our home is our single largest investment, so we should protect it.
2. If you are traveling, keep your plans off Social Media. You never know who may see your post and know that you are away and take the opportunity to break into your home.
3. Avoid shopping online using public Wi-Fi. Public Wi-Fi is convenient, but extremely vulnerable to cyber criminals.
4. When you make a purchase of a large screen TV or similar gadget, don't just place the box at the side of the road by the garbage can. This can alert would be thieves to the goodies inside. Crush, Shred or fold up the box and place in an opaque bag.
5. When Shopping online, ensure the website is secure. Beware of phishing email asking for you to verify your detail, especially when it comes to your Credit Card details.
6. Pay special attention when hanging Christmas lights. Be sure to never overload circuits and use only outdoor lights outside. Turn off lights when going out or to bed.
7. If you choose a live Christmas tree, be sure to turn off the lights before your water your tree. The fresher your tree is the more resistant to fire it will be.
8. Be wary of suspicious offers online. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
9. Thieves know that we shop online quite a lot at this time of year. Be sure to review your security settings regularly, changing passwords to accounts tied to a Credit or Debit Cards often.
10. This may be obvious but **DRIVE TO ARRIVE ALIVE**. Don't drive after consuming alcohol and resist the temptation to send your friends a WhatsApp message of the hottest bargains this Christmas while you are driving.
11. Attending a staff Christmas party? Why not car pool. This reduces the traffic on the road and this way you have company on the drive home.
12. When baking your Christmas ham, set multiple alarms to remind you when it should be finished. Falling asleep could not only ruin your ham, it could cause a housefire.