



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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Winter Safety Reminder 2023

Greetings: Winter Safety Reminder

The men and women of the Bloomingtondale Police Department want to wish you a safe and secure holiday season. We are working day and night to ensure that you and your loved ones remain safe over the coming season so that you may enjoy your time together without troubles. With that, we wanted to remind you of some practices and habits that may help you become aware of various crimes associated with the holiday and cold weather season. We hope you have a great holiday season. Stay Vigilant!

Visiting Family and Friends

Throughout the holiday season, it is often tradition to visit other relatives both locally or out of state. Unfortunately, criminals are aware of this and look out for homes that appear to be vacant. Before you leave your home for any period of time, be sure to:

- Lock all doors, windows, and vehicles.
- Remove belongings and garage door remote controls from your vehicle when parked outside.
- Keep valuables and gifts out of view from your windows.
- Keep your home well lit.
- Make sure your security system or cameras are in operating condition.
- Consider using a house-sitter if you are going to be away from home for an extended period of time.



Running Vehicles

During cold weather season, many individuals will start their vehicles to warm up the engine/interior prior to driving. Often, these individuals leave their keys in the running vehicle with the doors unlocked. Similar to vacant homes during holidays, criminals are aware of these practices during the cold weather months and look to burglarize the vehicle or steal the vehicle entirely. The Bloomingtondale Police Department reminds you to *NEVER* leave your vehicle unlocked or leave your keys in your vehicle.

Vehicle Operations- Hazardous Weather

As we prepare for snow fall and hazardous road conditions, the Bloomingtondale Police Department would also like to provide you some safe practice tips when traversing the roads this season:

- Give yourself extra time to travel when hazardous road conditions are presented.
- Drive slower as the conditions worsen.
- Keep extra warm clothing, phone chargers, food or drink in your vehicle in the event you become stranded in extreme temperatures.
- Be familiar with your vehicles safety features and operations.
- If you are involved in a motor vehicle crash or become stuck in various conditions, contact 911 immediately for further services.

**Happy Holidays
from the Bloomingtondale
Police Department**