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It should be no surprise, but burglaries increase during Christmas and New Year's. Yet, relatively few people take extra precautions during this time.

Criminals know that houses have gifts and valuables in them during the holiday season. At the same time, many home occupants will be out and about shopping or visiting loved ones.

There have been some recent reports of prowlers looking into cars, windows and doors in Boardman in recent weeks, so residents should be aware of risks this holiday season.

Be on the lookout not only for your property but your neighbors. With this being a travel season, talk to your neighbors and let them know when you will be around or out of town. This is what community is all about, and your neighbors will know that they need to call if they see someone around your house when they know you should be gone.

Don't leave any items of value in your vehicles. When you get home, don't stack all of your new purchases near a window visible to the street side of your house. We don't need any window shoppers.

Be vigilant and generally aware. Report any suspicious behavior. We provide 24 hour coverage in Boardman but we need your help in reporting anything that looks suspicious.

Have a great and safe holiday season.

Chief Rick Stokoe