



## Property Watch:

# Expert tips to keep your property safe over the holidays

Protect your assets from unwanted visitors.

Expected statistics over the 2023–2024 Christmas period in Christchurch:



**3,600+**  
burglaries



**225**  
robberies



**14,600**  
occurrences of theft

\*figures calculated from annual crime growth between 2021–2023

## Before you leave your property for an extended period:

- ▶ Ensure your **alarm system** is working and transmitting to your security provider.
- ▶ Check all window and door **locks and latches** are high quality and in good condition.
- ▶ Ensure **security cameras** are operational and the lenses are clean.
- ▶ **Trim shrubs and trees** near windows to eliminate potential hiding spots.
- ▶ Install **motion sensor lights** around the perimeter of the property.
- ▶ Keep valuable items **out of sight** from windows.
- ▶ Display **warning signs or stickers** to deter intruders.
- ▶ Install **window sensors** to detect any attempts to open them.
- ▶ Use **smart home technology** to remotely monitor and control security devices.



## Additional tips for while you're away:

- ▶ Use **timers** to turn lights on and off throughout the day.
- ▶ Have a **trusted friend** check on your property, move rubbish bins around, or park their car in your driveway.
- ▶ Have someone **collect your mail**.
- ▶ Use a **house sitter**.
- ▶ Place a **"beware of dog"** sign, even if you don't have a pet.
- ▶ Leave a pair of shoes or a child's toy outside to give the **impression of activity**.



Contact us to discover how you can prepare your property ahead of your summer holiday.

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- Security Guard Services
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