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### **City of Kyle Offers Assistance in Keeping Citizens Safe for the Holidays**

With attention on what to buy for who and when to be where for what, many citizens forget about some very simple steps to take to avoid becoming a victim of holiday crimes.

“Crooks look for the easy and safe places to steal from,” said Al Moore, Police Chief for the City of Kyle. “It is our job, and the job of our citizens, to eliminate the safe and easy for these criminals so they know not to come to Kyle.”

The City of Kyle has listed some easy steps to “Keep Kyle Safe” on the City’s web site. These steps include: being familiar with your surroundings, reporting suspicious behavior, keeping valuables out of sight, and most importantly – locking your doors.

“The best way to protect your belongings is to deny access to them,” said Moore. “Locking your doors - car doors, garage doors, house doors – are the easiest and best deterrent to theft.”

The Kyle Police Department also offers a unique program designed to watch over and protect residences and businesses when the owners and/or occupants are away.

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Kyle residents can request that officers check on their houses or businesses while they are away. This program is provided free of charge and is available to anyone living in Kyle or operating a business in the City.

“Just file out one of our Security Check Request forms and turn it in to the Police Department and we’ll have officers check on the property periodically each day while the occupants are away,” said Moore. “The forms are available at the City’s web site, City Hall and the Police Headquarters.”

“The City of Kyle enjoys a very low crime rate and we want to enlist the help of our citizens to keep the crime rate low,” said Tom Mattis, Kyle City Manager. “If the criminals know that the people in Kyle are taking care of their belongings and looking out for each other, then they will also know not to come to Kyle looking for victims.”

For more information on how the City of Kyle can help you be safe for the Holiday’s, visit [www.cityofkyle.com](http://www.cityofkyle.com) or call Kyle City Hall at 512-262-1010, or call the Kyle Police Department at 512-268-3232.

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