



Security Spotlight

An Informational Guide for Securitas Clients

Time is a gift

'Tis the season for family, friends, and traditions. Time spent together is the true gift of the holiday season. Demonstrating patience and tolerance can help reduce seasonal stress. Getting rest and eating nutritious food will help keep you healthy. Securitas is thankful for its employees, clients, and the communities in which it does business. We encourage you all to slow down and enjoy the holidays. At Securitas, we believe that this is accomplished through our shared values of Integrity, Vigilance, and Helpfulness. We offer them as our gift to you with our best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season.



Safe and healthy holidays

In addition to signaling the end of the year, fall and winter holidays are often a time for shopping, gifting, and social gatherings that should be managed with vigilance. Approaching holiday activities with safety in mind will help ensure that they are secure and happy ones.

Wrapping up the year at work

Work locations vary, but some common practical guidelines can be employed to ensure the safety of all. Keeping hand sanitizer available can be useful since the holidays also mark the beginnings of cold and flu season. If your workplace experiences increased activity because of holiday visitors, note

whether those around you are appropriately badged and that visitors are properly escorted, if required. If decorating personal spaces and common areas is permitted, be careful not obstruct or obscure fire extinguishers, fire alarms, emergency signs, or exits, as it can create unnecessary risks for building occupants and visitors.

Some companies host end-of-year parties for their employees. Keep in mind that although the event is in a social setting, it is still a company event. Be sure that you and those around you follow company rules and policies. Food allergies and alcohol consumption are also cause for vigilance at festive events. If you or a colleague has a food



Dashing through the store

People spend more time on the roads and in stores during the holidays. Weather, the time of year, and normal driving risk factors result combine for an increase in accidents during this time. Hazards are posed by drivers distracted while trying to talk, text, or find a parking spot. Stressed or rushed drivers are also dangerous drivers and might display aggressive driving behaviors by speeding, following too closely, or making unpredictable moves. When driving to run errands or go shopping, allow extra time in during bad weather. Be alert for sudden moves by other drivers or pedestrians, giving yourself enough time to react. Take advantage of stores that invite you to order ahead and either go into the store to pick up your purchases or have them brought to your car. These services minimize your need to deal with traffic and crowded stores with long lines.



allergy, verify all ingredients before sampling the food. Limiting alcohol consumption can also help protect you prevent embarrassing situations that could reflect negatively on you or possibly lead to termination. Having a designated driver or taxis available can help keep the holidays safe.

Safe home, joyful home

Nothing says holidays like gathering with friends and family. If traveling, allow sufficient time. Unexpected travel delays can increase anxiety levels. Allowing extra time, if traveling by car, or packing snacks and entertainment, if traveling by mass transit, can help make sure you arrive in the holiday spirit. Consider sharing holiday vacation photos on social media after your return to avoid making

your home a target. Another way to avoid making your home a target is to be vigilant when discarding packaging for expensive items or having large piles of gifts which might draw unwanted attention if easily visible from outside.

Maintaining traditions such as decorating and preparing special meals can help reduce holiday stress but do so with an eye on safety. Ensure that electric decorations are UL-listed and check that cords are not damaged before using. Avoid plugging multiple extension cords into one outlet which poses a fire hazard since doing so can overload the circuit. When entertaining, keep foods at a safe temperature and put away leftovers immediately to help reduce the risk of food-borne illness.

