



# Holiday Theft Is Real: How to Protect Your Valuables This Season

The holiday season brings celebration, travel, and busy schedules—but it also brings a sharp rise in theft. From home burglaries to retail break-ins to quick “grab-and-go” theft at businesses, criminals take advantage of extended hours, distracted staff, and empty homes.

Whether you’re a homeowner, store manager, or business owner, one of the strongest defenses you have is a properly selected and properly installed safe.

Below are the practical steps to protect your valuables this season—using the same proven security tools trusted by thousands nationwide.

## 1. Secure Cash and High-Value Items in the Right Safe

Holidays mean increased cash flow, heavier foot traffic, and more inventory moving through homes and businesses. That also means more risk.

Choose a safe designed for the type of protection you need:

- **Depository Safes** – Essential for retail and restaurants handling higher holiday cash volume. Employees can make quick drops without accessing stored deposits.
- **High Security Safes** – Built for advanced burglary resistance, ideal for stores, jewelers, offices, and homes storing high-value items.
- **Fire & Burglary Safes** – Protect important documents, holiday cash reserves, and small valuables from both theft and fire.
- **Utility Safes** – Perfect for securing keys, electronics, or employee access items.
- **Floor Safes** – Concealed protection for long-term storage at home or in businesses.

A quality safe not only deters theft—it limits loss even if a criminal gains access to the premises.

## 2. Lock Down Access: Codes, Keys & Audit Trails

During the holiday rush, staff turnover and temporary hires increase. So does the importance of access control.

- Update all safe access codes before the busy season.
- Remove access for former staff immediately.
- Use Dormakaba electronic locks for:
  1. Individual user codes
  2. Audit trails showing exactly who opened the safe and when
  3. Time-delay features to deter hold-up theft

These measures significantly reduce internal theft, which typically spikes during holidays.

## 3. Don't Forget Physical Security Basics

Even the best safe performs poorly if everything around it is vulnerable.

Add these checks to your holiday prep:

- Ensure your safe is properly anchored to a concrete surface.
- Confirm your surveillance cameras fully cover the safe area.
- Test contacts, especially if your safe connects to an alarm panel.
- Install adequate lighting around back rooms, office areas, and storage spaces.
- Avoid leaving safes in unmonitored corners during extended hours.

- A thief should never be able to simply pick up or pry open a safe due to weak installation.

## 4. Protect Your Home Before Traveling

Holidays mean vacations—leaving homes unoccupied and vulnerable.

Before you leave:

- Store jewelry, cash, passports, and documents inside a High Security Safe or Fire & Burglary Safe.
- Avoid hiding valuables in drawers or closets—these are the first places burglars look.
- Ensure the safe is bolted down and out of immediate sight.
- If using a keypad, replace batteries to avoid lockouts.

A secure home safe is especially important during holiday travel when burglary rates rise.

## 5. Schedule Maintenance Before the Holiday Rush

The last thing you want during peak season is:

- A keypad failure
- A stuck hinge
- A door that won't close
- A safe that won't anchor properly

Schedule a quick inspection ahead of time to check:

- Door swing (a safe door should never swing freely on its own)
- Batteries in electronic locks
- Bolts and hinges
- Proper leveling
- Seals and moisture protection
- Alarm connections

A 20-minute tune-up can prevent an expensive security failure during the busiest time of year.

## 6. Plan for After-Hours & Multi-Shift Operations

If your business runs late hours or multiple shifts during the season:

- Use Depository Safes so no one accesses stored cash.
- Restrict after-hours safe access to management only.
- Consider dual-control (two-person) access for high-value safes.
- Rotate codes weekly during peak traffic.

These systems reduce opportunities for both internal and external theft.

Need expert servicing, or considering an upgrade to a new safe?

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