

Community Alerts

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New Year Celebration Safety

Many will be ringing in the New Year away from home. DeKalb County Police would like to remind all to continue **“Be Aware - Be Safe”** while celebrating.

- Leaving Home
 - Only take your ID, cell-phone and needed funds for the night
 - Decide on the Designated Driver
 - Secure your home by locking all doors & windows and setting the alarm
 - Leave lights on timers; set TV timers to turn it on and off
- Your Vehicle
 - Avoid leaving valued items (GPS, keys, mail, cell phones) on the seat or in other visible areas
 - Using Valet services: only provide the key to the vehicle; remove home/work keys from the key-ring
 - Using Parking decks/lots: preferably use lots that are monitored by security; park as close to your destination as possible and in well lit areas
- At the Party
 - Avoid leaving purses unattended
 - Coat Checks: remove keys and other valuables from pockets
 - React to red flags: if situations make you uneasy, remove yourself
 - During the night verify your Designated Driver remains as such
- Returning Home
 - Watch for suspicious persons/vehicles as you ride through the community; report any activity immediately to **911**
 - Use your headlights to survey your home as you return home
 - Verify your home is as secure as you left it; walk through

If you are a victim, dial **911** as soon as possible to alert the police of the incident.

*** Remember if you don't inform the Police, the Police don't know what's happening in your neighborhood. ***



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