



911 Public Safety Newsletter

December 2025

Ensure your home stays safe this holiday season

The holidays bring joy, generosity—and unfortunately, a rise in home burglaries. Studies show homes are about 30% more likely to be targeted during this time of year. Protect your home and peace of mind with these simple tips:

1. Keep travel plans private

It's only natural that you would want to post a picture or two on Facebook or X, sharing your holiday fun, but wait until after your return to post your pictures. Even with strict privacy settings, sharing when you'll be away can alert burglars that your home is empty.

2. Notify a trusted neighbor

If you're traveling, let a neighbor know so they can keep an eye on your property and pick up any packages. You can also easily temporarily stop mail delivery on the [U.S.P.S. website](https://www.usps.com).

3. Hide gifts from view

Wrapped presents under the tree look festive, but can tempt thieves. Keep gifts and valuables out of sight from windows and doors.

4. Secure entry points

Reinforce doors and windows with stronger locks, deadbolts, and security film. Don't forget sliding glass doors—use security bars or pins to keep them from being forced open.

5. Improve outdoor lighting

Bright lighting deters intruders. Use motion-sensor or smart lights that turn on automatically or follow your daily routine. Place them near doors, windows, and dark corners for maximum coverage.

6. Don't hide a key.

Having a spare house key is a must. Don't leave it in a fake rock or place it under your doormat. Criminals know all the good hiding places. Instead, leave a key with a trusted friend or neighbor.

A few precautions can make a big difference in keeping your home and holidays—safe and bright.



Driving in foggy conditions requires extra care

It's winter in Roseville. That means when fog rolls in, slow down and stay alert. About 75% of fog-related crashes involve drivers going too fast—and these crashes are more likely to be deadly.

To stay safe in foggy conditions, Caltrans recommends:

- **Reduce your speed** to maintain a safe stopping distance.
- **Use low-beam headlights.** Avoid high beams, and do not rely on parking or fog lights alone.
- **Take extra care at intersections.** In dense fog, open your window and listen for traffic you can't see.
- **Use your wipers and defroster** to keep your windshield clear.
- **Be patient—don't pass** long lines of traffic.
- **Follow the right-side "fog line"** to help you stay in your lane.
- **Never stop on the highway shoulder** unless necessary.

Stay cautious, drive smart, and arrive safely.



Upcoming events

Operation Blue Santa Holiday Toy Drive



Community toy drive

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
Date: through 12/17
Location: Roseville PD Lobby
 1051 Junction Blvd.

Operation Blue Santa is back, bringing joy to local children this holiday season!

Through December 17, we'll be collecting **new, unwrapped toys** in our lobby to help brighten the holidays for kids in need.

Your simple act of kindness can make a big difference—each toy donated helps bring smiles and holiday spirit to families



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Christmas tree lighting

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Date: Thursday, 12/4
Location: Vernon Street Town Square

Experience an old-fashioned celebration and holiday cheer. The official lighting of the tree is around 6:10 p.m. Free.



NEIGHBORHOOD SANTA

Neighborhood Santa

Time: Begins at 6 p.m.
Date: Tuesday - Thursday, 12/9-12/18
Location: [Various routes](#)

Santa Claus is coming to town! All visits are weather permitting. Look for schedule updates due to weather on the [Roseville Parks, Recreation & Events Facebook page](#) by 5:00 p.m. each evening.



Give wisely this holiday season

The holidays inspire generosity, and scammers know it. Around Thanksgiving and Christmas, charity scams surge as fraudsters pose as legitimate organizations to steal money or personal information. Protecting your goodwill starts with knowing how these scams work.

How scammers operate

Fraudsters create fake websites, send convincing emails, or make calls pretending

to represent real charities. They often copy logos, names, and messages to look authentic — all to trick you into donating or sharing sensitive data.

Why holiday scams work

Scammers prey on emotions, creating urgency with claims like “children need help now” or “disaster victims can’t wait.” Their goal is to push you into giving before you verify.

How to protect your donations

- **Research before you give.** Search the charity’s name along with words like “review,” “rating,” or “scam.” You can also check sites such as [CharityNavigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org), [BBB Wise Giving Alliance](https://www.bbb.org), or [CharityWatch.org](https://www.charitywatch.org). And be cautious with crowdfunding pages — not every story is legitimate. If you spot a fake charity or suspicious donation request, report it at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov).

- **Confirm it’s tax-deductible.** Only donations to IRS-recognized charities qualify for tax deductions. You can check using the [IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool](#). Remember, gifts to individuals or political groups don’t count.
- **Watch for pressure tactics.** Real charities welcome thoughtful giving while scammers demand quick action.
- **Donate directly.** Go to the charity’s official website instead of clicking links from emails or social media. If possible, use a credit card. If someone insists on payment through cryptocurrency, wire transfer, payment apps, or gift cards, it’s a scam — no exceptions.

Keep your giving safe

By staying alert, you can ensure your kindness reaches those who truly need it — not scammers taking advantage of the season of giving.

Roseville residents scammed

Date: 10/16/25

Beat: 4

Neighborhood: Kaseberg-Kingswood

The victim reported that on September 21, 2025, at approximately 6:00 p.m., a man claiming to be a PG&E employee knocked on her door. He stated he needed to review her account to ensure proper billing. Believing the request was legitimate, the victim showed him her account information. Days later, she discovered she had been enrolled in a service she had not authorized and canceled it. On October 13, 2025, while applying for a California driver’s license, the victim learned someone had already applied using her name and address.

Prevention Tip: Always verify the identity of individuals claiming to represent utility or service companies. Request official identification and contact the company directly using a verified phone number before providing personal information.

Date: 10/28/25

Beat: 5

Neighborhood: Stanford

The victim reported receiving a Facebook message on August 11, 2025, from someone she believed to be a well-known American actor. The account offered her the opportunity to pay for a meet-and-greet. The victim was instructed to purchase Apple gift cards and send the codes via WhatsApp. On August 28, she sent a total of \$2,635 in gift cards. She later received phone calls from someone claiming to be the actor’s manager, who repeatedly asked for additional money. The victim eventually determined the account was fraudulent and had been impersonating the actor.

Prevention Tip: Be cautious of unsolicited messages from celebrities or public figures. Legitimate representatives will never request gift cards as payment online.

Date: 10/7/25

Beat: 7

Neighborhood: Solaire

The victim stated that she met a man on a dating application around February 14, 2025. They communicated regularly by phone, text, and video chat for several months. The suspect later requested that she send wire transfers to cover work-related expenses, claiming his bank account was locked. Over time, the suspect fabricated multiple emergencies, including a story about his son being injured in London, and persuaded the victim to send additional money. On October 7, 2025, the victim became suspicious and searched the suspect’s name online, discovering through a website that the identity had been used in previous scams. She contacted the real person whose name was being used and learned the profile was fraudulent. The victim estimated her total financial loss at approximately \$100,000.

Prevention Tip: Exercise caution when communicating with individuals met online who request money, even for emergencies. Never wire funds or share financial details with people you have not met in person.

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