Winter break is upon us! Many are preparing to head home for the holidays. Even if you are staying in your apartment over the break, you should ensure that precautionary measures are taken during the holiday season.

Create the illusion that someone is home:
Use an automatic timer for your lights, TV and maybe even a stereo on low to simulate the presence of someone being home.

Ask a neighbor for help:
Whether you are in a house or an apartment, asking a neighbor (or friend) to check on your housing while away is a useful safety measure. Ask your them to check exterior doors and windows for any sign of trouble. You can also have a trusted person collect any mail or packages that have been delivered.

Do a double check before leaving:
If you live with roommates, make sure that the last person to leave double checks all entry points to ensure things are locked up tight. Have them set the temperature to a reasonable level, and leave faucets on a slow drip to prevent pipes from freezing.

Keep Valuables Hidden:
Make sure you keep gifts and valuables hidden in your car while you are out shopping. Stick gifts in the truck and park near a high traffic, well lit area. If you are especially worried about an item, drop it off at home before continuing your shopping. Don’t leave any personal identifying information, money, or heirlooms behind in your housing when going out of town.

Be aware of emergency numbers
If you are staying in the area during winter break, ensure that you have emergency numbers saved in your phone. If you see something suspicious happening in your complex, call your front office, Greenville non-emergency (252-329-4315) or 911 to make a report. Download the LiveSafe app if you need a way to quickly report suspicious activity to campus police.

Enjoy Your Break!

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TIFF'S TIPS

Leave a light on
If you are heading out of town for break, leave a light on somewhere inside or outside. This can give the appearance of someone being home.

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