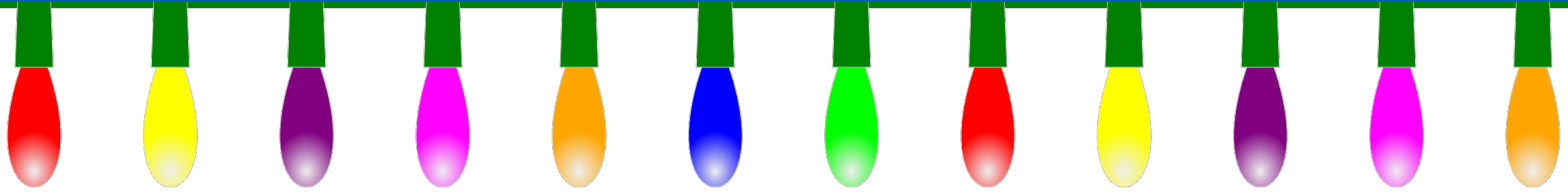




# Halton Regional Police Service

## The Holidays are Here

### FALSE ALARM PREVENTION



**Law enforcement reports indicate that false alarms increase over the holidays. Don't let your holidays be ruined by false alarms! To reduce the chance of a false alarm during the holiday season, consider the following:**

- Always ensure that hanging or moving decorations will not activate motion detectors, especially when the heating systems come on.
- Firmly secure outdoor lights around doors and windows so that they will not activate glass break detectors in the event of winds or storms.
- Ensure that everyone with a key to your home or business knows how to properly operate your alarm system.
- Retrain your children home from university/college and remind them of the passcode and password.
- Instruct everyone with access to your home or business on the appropriate procedures for cancelling law enforcement response should a false alarm occur.
- If you have house sitters, ensure that they know how to operate the alarm system, cancel a dispatch and have been provided with temporary passwords.
- If you are going away for the holidays, advise your alarm company if you will be out of town and provide them with the following information:
  - What days you will be away from your home or business
  - Who is authorized to be in your home or business while you are away
  - Update your emergency contact information, including who has keys to your home or business
  - Provide a number that your alarm company can reach you, preferably a cell phone number, should your alarm system activate while you are away

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