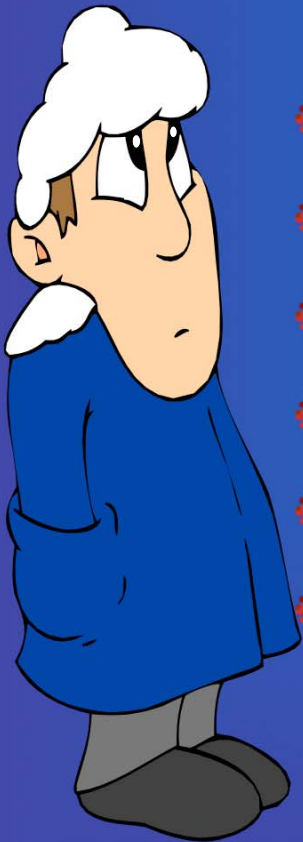


OPSEC for the **OPSEOPSEC** *Holidays*



OVERVIEW

- ❁ What does OPSEC have to do with the holidays?
- ❁ OPSEC and Shopping
- ❁ OPSEC and Social Networking Sites
- ❁ Presents!
- ❁ OPSEC at Home
- ❁ OPSEC and Travel
- ❁ 'Twas the Week before Christmas....



OPSEC AND THE HOLIDAYS

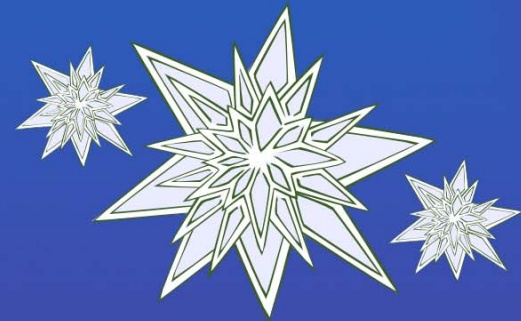
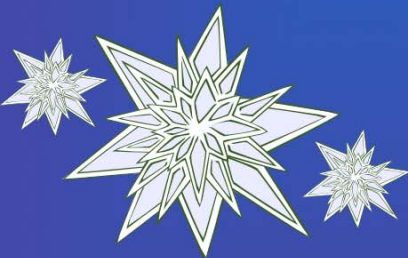
- OPSEC is the process we use to identify and protect sensitive information from our adversaries. While we primarily use this process at work, we can apply the same methodology to protect our family and our homes over the upcoming holiday season



OPSEC AND THE HOLIDAYS



- With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season sometimes we forget about common sense security practices. The next few slides are some reminders that will help keep your holiday a safe and enjoyable one



OPSEC AND SHOPPING

- OPSEC and Street Smarts are synonymous. With OPSEC you identify key information that our adversaries might use against us, then take measures to safeguard that information. When shopping here's some key "information" you want to protect:



- Credit card/ATM numbers. Be wary of "shoulder surfers - cell phone cameras" as you take out cash from ATMs or pay for items with your credit card. Make sure to put receipts in a safe place or destroy them properly

OPSEC AND SHOPPING

- ❖ The fact that you may be carrying a large amount of cash. If carrying a large amount of cash, keep a portion of the money separate from your wallet in case you get pick pocketed or lose your wallet
- ❖ Expensive items you recently purchased. If you bought so many presents that you have to take a trip to the car to unload your packages so that you can buy more; make sure you place the items in your trunk and out of sight. It's also smart to relocate to another parking space



OPSEC AND SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

- ❁ Travel plans on Facebook or other social sites. If you post your travel plans or tell people that you and the family are skiing in another state; you are letting criminals know your home is probably empty. Wait until you return home to post pictures of your vacation
- ❁ Gifts you recently purchased. Limit the information you post about gifts. Don't provide the bad guys with a list of your precious belongings



OPSEC AND SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

- Places, Locations, and Checking In. If you are out shopping or at a holiday party, be careful if you use many of the popular location applications on social networking sites. Although this is a great way of letting family members and friends know where you are, it is also allowing strangers and criminals know your location or the fact that your home may be empty



PRESENTS



- ❁ How could giving a family member a present help burglars target you?
- ❁ Trash can make you a target. Boxes from items like jewelry or electronics (such as computer, television, and stereo boxes) left curbside for trash collection provide good indicators to potential burglars about what high value items are located in the household. Break down the boxes, throw them in a bag, or put them out just before trash collection time



OPSEC AT HOME



- ❁ Things often get so hectic around the holidays that sometimes we completely forget about basic security. Remember:
- ❁ Be alert to public works crews and other personnel requesting access to the residence. Verify their identity before allowing entry to your home
- ❁ Write down the license plate number of suspicious vehicles and note the description of occupants



OPSEC AT HOME

- ❁ When socializing at parties over the holidays don't talk "shop" around those who don't have a need to know, and be wary of attempts to elicit information, even from friends and family
- ❁ Report suspicious activity to the police or local law enforcement



OPSEC AND TRAVEL

- ❁ If traveling this holiday season, don't forget Travel OPSEC!
- ❁ Refrain from using military duffel bags or bags with government patches or logos and use concealed luggage tags
- ❁ Don't use rank or title to reserve airline tickets and hotel rooms
- ❁ Keep a low profile in dress and demeanor



OPSEC AND TRAVEL

- ❁ Be cautious about giving out information regarding family travel plans to those who don't have a "Need to Know"
- ❁ Leave your home with a lived in look. Use timers for lights, TV or radio
- ❁ Have a neighbor collect your mail and holiday deliveries
- ❁ Be alert and report suspicious activity!



Twas the week before Christmas
and all through the neighborhood
thieves were out prowling
they were looking for goods!

Uncollected newspapers
and grass two feet high --
Indicators the owner was not home
and this caught the thief's eye

Now their home is empty
the rooms are all bare
If only they had remembered
to be **OPSEC** Aware!

