



Christmas Shopping Safety



With the holiday season such a hectic time of year; people tend to forget that they must be aware of their surrounding while shopping. Please take a moment to ensure that you and your family remain safe and have great holiday season.

BEFORE YOU SHOP

- Carry small amounts of cash
- Carry keys, credit cards and cash separate from each other.
- Be extremely careful using ATM machines.
- Wear conservative, comfortable clothing. Wear minimal jewelry.
- If you have access to a cell phone, carry it.
- While driving, keep your doors locked and windows rolled up.
- Maintain at least half a tank of fuel.

WHILE SHOPPING

- If you have to carry a purse, carry it close to your body and always have it zipped.
- Park close to where you are going and in a well-lit area.
- Heighten your awareness!
- Grip carried items firmly and avoid leaving them unattended.
- Keep a close eye on children while shopping.

AFTER SHOPPING

- Leave the mall before closing time; it is safer to walk out of the mall with other people.
- When hurried or in a crowded shop, make sure you get all forms of ID and credit cards returned to you before leaving.
- Use an escort or mall security if you have a lot of packages or if you are leaving the mall after closing.
- Check under your car as you approach it; this is a common spot for criminals to hide.
- Check the interior of your car.
- When returning to your vehicle, carry your keys in your hand and be ready to unlock the door and enter as quick as possible.

AT HOME

- After opening gifts, break down cardboard boxes of expensive electronics and put them in plastic bags to hide the fact you have valuable items in your home.

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