



Enjoy a SAFE Holiday Season



Personal Safety

- * Share your shopping itinerary with someone you trust.
- * If shopping after dark, take a friend. Park in well-lit & well-traveled areas.
- * Be Alert! Look confident, walk with a purpose.
- * Avoid overloading yourself with packages.
- * Keep keys in your hand when walking to your car or home.
- * Be aware of your surroundings and anyone approaching you or your vehicle.
- * If someone demands your purse or wallet, surrender it immediately—it's not worth your life. If anything is stolen, report it to the police.

Home Burglary Prevention

- * Gifts and valuables should be kept out of sight and away from windows.
- * If you are traveling, ask a neighbor to watch your house. If you have an alarm system, use it!
- * Put timers on different lights throughout the interior and exterior of the house.
- * Have newspapers, mail and deliveries held or picked up by someone you trust.
- * Take a home inventory of your valuables & record serial numbers; engrave property with your email address or phone number. Photograph your items.
- * Do not publicize that you will be out of town for the holidays on voicemail messages or to others whom you don't know.
- * Schedule a Residential Security Survey with SAFE.
- * Start a **SAFE Neighborhood Watch group** so you and your neighbors can identify and report suspicious activities.



Prevent Pick-Pocketing and Identity Theft!

- * Bring only the cash and credit cards you will need. Keep cash separate from ID & credit cards. Do not carry your social security card or passport.
- * Be Alert! Your purse or wallet may be a target for crime in crowded shopping areas, bus stops, and on buses. Be wary of those creating distractions.
- * Limit the use of your iPod or cell phone when in public areas; your awareness level is compromised and you could be the target of pick pocketing, robbery and iPod theft.
- * Record credit card numbers so you can immediately report any loss to the police and issuing company.
- * Strong, confident body language and eye contact with others is likely to discourage pick pocketing.
- * Men should keep wallets in hard to reach spots.
- * Women should keep wallets deep inside their purse or in a separate pocket in their clothing.
- * If taking public transit, keep your Fast Pass separate from your purse or wallet.
- * Shred receipts that show your credit card number.

Prevent Auto-Boosting (breaking into your car)

- * Leave nothing visible in the car. Keep vehicle locked, including doors and trunk.
- * Keep packages locked in your car trunk while shopping. Move your car to a different location each time you park in more items.
- * Never leave your vehicle with the engine running.
- * Consider parking in an attended lot if possible.
- * Do not leave a GPS system or mount visible in the vehicle.

Be Alert and Aware of Suspicious Activities

While Shopping or Traveling

- * The Holiday Shopping Season gives rise to threats against shopping malls and other crowded places.
- * Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times.
- * If you notice an unattended package at a shopping mall or at the airport, notify security.
- * Be aware of suspicious persons who exhibit erratic or nervous behavior in a shopping mall, on public transportation or at an airport.
- * Take notice of people in bulky or inappropriate clothing, which may be used to conceal threatening devices or objects.
- * If you notice any suspicious chemical smells or pungent odors in public areas or on public transit, alert security.
- * Report anyone tampering with surveillance cameras or entering unauthorized areas.
- * If you see something, say something!

9-1-1 for Emergencies or Crimes in Progress (602) 276-1011 for Non-Emergencies

Alert a **DEPUTY SHERIFF**

Shopping Online with your Credit Card

- * Do business only with companies you know.
- * Shop only at secure websites.
- * Do not respond to emails asking you for personal or credit card information.
- * Check your credit card & bank statements regularly and closely for fraudulent use.
- * Report any fraudulent charges to your bank, the credit bureaus, and the police.

