



Holiday Safety Tips

When You Are Out

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Notice who is walking near or behind you
- Never carry any money in your hands
- Do not carry too many items
- Secure packages, do not leave them in plain view
- When making multiple trips to your car, change its location
- Look inside your vehicle for any intruders before entering
- Cross the street or change your route if being followed
- Report all suspicious people to the police

When You Are Home

- If home alone turn on outside lights to deter burglars
- Stay alert to suspicious-looking couriers delivering packages
- Many con artists go door-to-door during the holidays
- Don't be afraid to say, "No thank you" and shut the door
- Do not place packages or gifts in highly visible locations

Office Security

- If you are in an elevator with another person, stand close to the control panel; if you are attacked, press the alarm and as many control buttons as possible
- Be aware of escape routes for emergencies, and post the phone numbers of the police and fire departments near phones; call 911 if the situation is life threatening
- During the holiday season of gift giving, make sure presents, including personal valuable property, are kept in a secured area and away from plain view where there is the possibility of theft
- If you work alone or before/after normal business hours, keep the office door locked
- Be aware of pickpockets on elevators and in crowds
- When working late, always walk out with a co-worker or security

"CRIMINALS LOVE THE HOLIDAYS AS MUCH AS EVERYONE ELSE. THEY PRESENT WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIEVES TO COMMIT CRIMES."



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Public Transportation

- Do not open your purse or wallet while boarding the bus
- Keep jewelry out of sight
- Turn your rings around so the stones do not show
- During off hours, sit as close to the bus driver as possible
- Carry your wallet inside your coat, or in a front pocket
- If traveling at night, always stand in a well-lit area
- Try to commute with a co-worker or friend
- Keep valuables concealed

Remember Safety and Security

Protect yourself against victimization during the holiday season... THINK SAFETY!!

When collecting holiday gifts and monies for charities, keep all items away from view and in a secured area.

During the holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers or pickpockets a chance to do their dirty work!! Be aware!!

The holidays are always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday-related crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this safety information with family, friends and neighbors.

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