

## Shopping Safety Tips

### Be Safe, Stay Alert

1. Shop during daylight hours. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
2. Dress casually and comfortably.
3. Avoid being targeted by wearing expensive jewelry.
4. Stay alert to your surroundings.
5. Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
6. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Use checks or credit cards.
7. If you must carry cash or a wallet, carry it in your front pocket. This will minimize the chance of your pocket being picked.
8. Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have a clear sightline.
9. Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Any time of the year, con artists may try various methods to distract you.
10. Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
11. Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and take the keys with you when you leave.
12. Place shopping bags, gifts and other valuable items in the trunk before you arrive at your destination.
13. Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security person if you get separated.
14. Remember where you parked your vehicle.
15. Have your car keys in hand when approaching your vehicle.