

# Holiday Shopping Safety Tips



**Emergency: 911**

**Non-Emergency: (708-335-9640)**



- When possible, avoid shopping alone.
- At night, park in well-lit areas.
- Be aware of your surroundings outside AND in the store.
- Carry a minimal amount of cash.
- Do not leave purchased items visible in your parked vehicle.
- Do not leave your purse/wallet unattended for any amount of time.
- Be aware of strangers approaching you for any reason.
- Have your keys out and ready before you get to your vehicle.
- Call law enforcement immediately to report crimes in progress or suspicious subjects loitering in parking lots.
- Protect your PIN during purchases.
- Watch for skimming devices at gas pumps before using a credit card.
- Be cautious when using an ATM. Use machines located in busy areas and be aware of your surroundings.
- When purchasing online, always verify websites and use secured payment methods.