

Ask a Cop Submission
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Question: Can the police department provide any safety tips for shoppers during the holiday season?

Answer: The holiday season can be a very stressful and busy time; here are a few tips that might prevent you and your family from being the victim of a crime while shopping:

- If possible, shop during daylight hours. If you must shop after dark, do it in groups, with family or friends.
- Pay for merchandise with a check or debit instead of carrying large amounts of cash with you.
- We discourage multiple trips from the store/mall to your vehicle. Don't go back and forth to your car for the purpose of dropping off packages; you never know who might be watching.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight within your vehicle; Take them with you, lock them up out of sight, or leave them at home.
- Be aware of scams. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. Verify completely, prior to conducting business or providing your account information to anyone. And, do not purchase anything from the trunk of anyone's car!
- Lastly, be aware of your surroundings. If something or someone looks suspicious, walk away from it to a safe, populated place and report it immediately.

For more information on safety during the holiday season, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Carol Bolick from the Glendale Police Department at (623 930-2571).