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It's Beginning to Look A lot Like the **Holiday** Shopping **Season!** Black Friday is right around the corner. Are you ready?

Glendale, Ariz. – The Glendale Police Department would like to remind everyone to be alert, patient and mindful of safety during the quickly approaching holiday shopping season, which kicks off this weekend with many retailers. The holidays can be a stressful and busy time. Let us offer some crime prevention tips to help keep the holidays safe and enjoyable for you and your entire family!

Holiday Safety Shopping Tips

- Lock packages and other valuables in the trunk before you park, never after you park. Thieves may be watching.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.
- Shop during daylight hours. If you must shop in the evening, shop with a friend.
- If possible, shop in groups of two or more.
- If you are elderly and alone, ask for an escort to your vehicle.
- Park in well-lighted areas, as close as possible to store entrances. Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot, especially near your car.
- Lock your car and make sure the windows are closed.
- Carry only the charge cards you will need. Don't carry large sums of cash.

- Carry purses next to your body with the purse flap against you. Carry wallets in front or inside pockets.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. Don't allow your attention to become distracted from your purse or packages.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall.
- Don't hesitate to notify store security if you see suspicious activity.
- If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lighted place.
- Pay particular attention while driving in crowded parking lots or while walking to and from your car, as both vehicle and pedestrian traffic increases.
- Don't drive or walk distracted. Don't text while doing either, even in parking lots.
- If you are a victim of a crime, call **911** to report it police immediately.

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