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SAFETY BULLETIN

HOLIDAY SAFETY

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pick pockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but chiefly because it's an opportune time for crime.

Pointers to remember when out enjoying the season.

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings. Always look for anything suspicious.
- Park in a well lighted space, and be sure to lock your car, close your windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk before you leave your last destination.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or debit/credit card when ever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat pocket or fronts pants pocket.
- Don't resist. Give up your property, don't give up your life. Report the crime to the police immediately. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help others from being victims.