



Holiday Safety Tips

With holiday shopping underway, the Long Beach Police Department would like to remind our community to practice the following safety tips, which may prevent you from becoming a victim:

While Shopping:

- Place all gifts and packages in the trunk or out of sight
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times and walk with confidence
- Park in well-lighted areas
- Avoid shopping alone; there is safety in numbers
- Use credit or debit cards for purchases to avoid carrying large amounts of cash
- Keep car doors locked and windows closed
- Carry purses or bags close to your body
- Have your car keys in hand prior to arriving at your vehicle
- Immediately lock your car doors upon entry
- Report suspicious persons or packages to on-site security or police

Suggestions for your home:

- Have packages delivered to a store, facility, or trusted neighbor
- Keep gifts in areas that cannot be seen from doorways or windows
- Install exterior motion sensor lighting and home security cameras
- Keep bushes and shrubbery trimmed to eliminate places for thieves to hide
- Postpone mail and newspaper deliveries while traveling
- Do not store gifts in vehicles or unsecured areas
- Schedule package deliveries for when someone is home to prevent porch piracy
- Immediately retrieve your packages upon notification from the seller, if applicable

Suggestions for business operators:

- Lock unused doors (in compliance with fire codes)
- Empty the cash register before closing and leave the drawer open.
- Keep only necessary cash in the register
- Vary the schedule and route of your bank deposits each day
- Make sure the register is in plain view
- Ensure large items and generally obstructions away from windows to increase visibility
- Advertise your security alarm system with signs in visible locations
- Invest in video surveillance cameras and ensure they are operational at all times
- Develop a mutual aid system among stores near you and keep an eye on one another

**We remind everyone that "If You See Something, Say Something."
Report suspicious activity by calling (562) 435-6711 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.**

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