

Fall/Holiday Safety Tips

Holiday shopping safety

- Don't set your purse down or leave it unattended.
- Keep your purse close to your body and don't let it dangle by its straps.
- Keep an eye on your purchases. Shopping bags are often taken from shopping carts, benches and restrooms.
- Keep receipts in your wallet or purse. A thief who snatches a shopping bag can quickly return the item(s) for cash if the receipt has been left in the bag.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash or credit cards. Carry only what you need.
- If you store purchases in your vehicle place them in the trunk or out of view.

ATM Safety

- Use ATMs during daylight hours
- Use ATMs in well populated areas
- Use drive up ATMs
- Be aware of people attempting to scan over your shoulder to obtain PIN numbers
- **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**

Shipped Package Delivery

As the holidays approach, more goods are purchased and shipped to residences. Package thefts are a crime of opportunity. Package thieves will follow delivery trucks and wait for packages to be dropped off on a front porch. If the package is not immediately picked up they simply take the package from the front porch.

There are several tips to help residents prevent package theft:

- Contact the shipping company and arrange for a delivery time when you will be available.
- Have FedEx and UPS packages sent directly to one of their local stores or distribution centers to be held for pickup.
- Arrange for a neighbor to receive the delivery if you know that you will not be available.
- Contact the shipper and have the package rerouted to a place you trust, such as your workplace.
- Request signature proof of delivery.
- Keep the tracking number and closely follow the delivery progress of your package online.
- If you are going on vacation, place deliveries on hold until you return from your trip.

Be a good neighbor. Stay alert, report all crimes and suspicious activity. If you see someone stealing a package from a neighbor's home, call 9-1-1.