



## Safe Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

Don't invite the Grinch to go shopping with you this holiday season! Here are a few tips to stop him from packing up your presents, ribbons, wrappings, your snoof and your fuzzles, tringlers and trappings!

### **Shopping:**

1. Be aware of your environment and what is going on around you. Don't talk on your cell phone while driving or walking to and from your car.
2. Lock doors and windows before you leave your home.
3. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
4. Park in well-lit areas and keep car doors locked, even at home!
5. Keep valuable items in the trunk or out of sight (take them home when possible).
6. When at the bank or ATM, pay attention to what is around you and check the ATM for tampering or evidence of a skimming device.
7. Shop with friends and family when possible.

### **Online Shopping and Packages at your door:**

1. Be sure your personal computer has up-to-date security software.
2. Do not respond to requests to 'verify' your passwords.
3. Use secure websites for your purchases.
4. Anyone asking you to obtain 'gift cards' or 'store cards' unsolicited by phone or online is very likely a scam.
5. Don't leave delivered packages sitting visibly on your porch for extended periods of time. Have a friend or neighbor secure them for you if necessary.



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