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HOLIDAY SAFETY

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As the holiday season approaches, sharing your love and joy with friends and family should be done safely. Holiday shopping and partaking in charitable giving have made it convenient and predictable for criminals to victimize individuals. As you prepare to spread the holiday joy, here are some crime prevention tips to implement:

Protect your holiday deliveries by:

- Tracking and turning on notifications for deliveries
- Arranging for your packages to be picked up or held until you can pick up
- Submitting specific instructions for delivery drivers on how to drop off or conceal your packages

Protect yourself while online shopping by:

- Purchasing from legitimate and secure websites
- Being cautious about fake products or offers that seem too good to be true
- Using credit cards and saving information such as confirmation numbers, tracking numbers, and digital receipts

Protect yourself while shopping in person by:

- Shopping in well lit areas and with a partner, if possible
- Limiting items left in your car and carrying only what is needed on your person
- Driving directly home after your purchase, inventory your items including serial numbers, and save all receipts

Practice safe charitable giving by:

- Researching individuals and organizations independently from the information they give you.
- Verifying with the recipient before donating
- Asking questions about the charity and how your contribution will be used
- Restraining from giving cash to strangers

Protect yourself, your loved ones, and valuables this holiday season with our crime prevention tips.

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