



Crime Prevention Unit

Neighborhood Watch encourages residents to interact with each other by exchanging information about work schedules, vacation plans, types of vehicles belonging to residents, etc. Neighborhood Watch Programs also provide residents with the feeling of ownership for their community. It is everyone's responsibility to see that their community is a safer place to work and live.

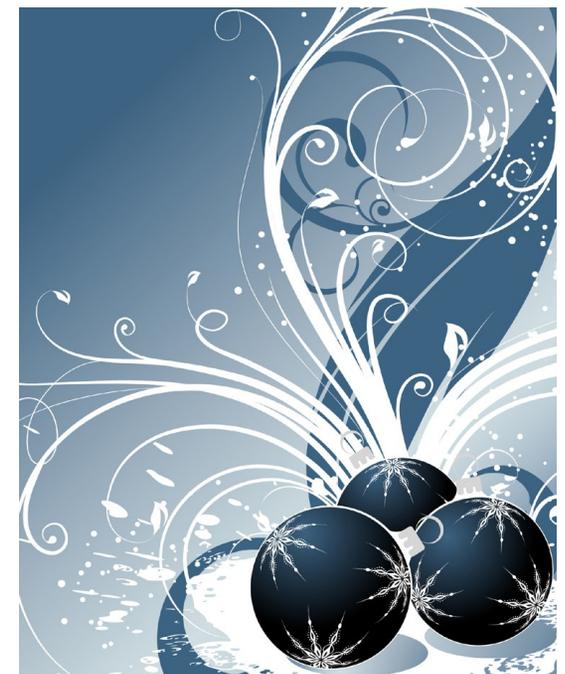
Personal Safety in Malls

The threat of physical assault does not necessarily increase along with the crowd that herald the holiday season. It's when you're far from the crowd, in distant reaches of parking lots or other isolated areas of the mall that you are most vulnerable. To protect yourself: Always walk to and from your vehicle with another person.

Avoid using bathrooms that are tucked away in a back area of a mall concourse or department. If you can, find a bathroom near the mall's food court or other well-trafficked area. And always accompany your child to the bathroom.

Never use a video arcade or toy store as a baby sitter; predators are on the prowl for unattended children. More than 100,000 children are abducted every year — often in malls or department stores, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCME).

HOLIDAY SAFETY



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This is the holiday season, don't become a victim...



Shopping during the holiday season can present unique danger. Taking a few prevention measures

can help keep your holiday season joyous. The holiday season is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The following tips from the West Jordan Police Department Crime Prevention Unit can help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

While Shopping

- * Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- * Dress casually and comfortably.
- * Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- * Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- * Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay **ALERT**.
- * Avoid carry large amounts of cash.
- * Pay for purchases with a credit or debit card when possible.
- * Keep cash in front pocket.
- * Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- * Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a safe place.
- * Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.
- * Avoid over loading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.

Protecting your Home

- * Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- * Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer
- * Leave radio and television on so the house looks and sounds occupied
- * Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- * Teach your children not to open the door to strangers

Leaving home for the Holidays

- * Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home, have them shovel snow and park in the driveway.
- * Stop newspaper and mail deliveries while you are away from home.

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