

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

*The Frederick Police Department would like to remind residents to be vigilant during this holiday season.  
By using these tips you will minimize your risk of becoming a victim.*

### LOCK IT, HIDE IT, REMOVE IT

Lock your vehicle every time you leave it unattended  
Hide any valuables that you have in your vehicle. Never leave items in plain view!  
Remove all valuables from the vehicle when possible

### WHEN SHOPPING

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash  
Park in a well-lit area;  
Do not park in remote locations  
Be aware of your surroundings – Stay Alert  
If you see suspicious activity – report it  
Never leave your purse or wallet unattended  
Remove non-essential items from purse or wallet  
Avoid overloading yourself with packages.  
Make frequent trips to your vehicle

### ONLINE SHOPPING

Make sure your PC has antivirus software and a firewall  
Shop only from reputable sites. Check that the sites begin with HTTPS  
Make purchases with a credit card instead of a debit card  
Monitor your credit and banking accounts regularly  
Use strong passwords to secure your online accounts  
Have mail order items shipped to a reliable address and track packages



The Frederick Police Department Wishes You a Safe and Happy Holiday Season



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● **Emergency Dial 9-1-1** ● **Non-Emergency Dial 301-600-2102**

