



HOLIDAY SAFE SHOPPING/CRIME PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS

***As we kick off the holiday season the Pueblo Police Department would like to remind you of a few tips to make your holidays peaceful and safe!**

WHILE SHOPPING

- Park in well-lit areas. Try to avoid parking by trees, large dumpsters, trucks/vans, or anything else that limits the visibility of you and your vehicle
- Take a moment to scan the area surrounding your vehicle when you park and when you return to your vehicle
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended or with pets/children inside
- Avoid carrying large purses and large amounts of cash with you
- Carry your purse on your front side and across your body close to you
- If you have a panic button on your key fob know how to use it to create noise if confronted by a suspicious person(s) when entering or exiting your vehicle
- Consider purchasing a whistle to have in case you are confronted by an unwanted person(s)
- Lock your doors immediately after entering your vehicle
- Never hide spare keys in your car. Thieves know where all the hiding places are
- Never leave purses/wallets or any other items of value unattended in your vehicle
- If you leave store purchases in your vehicle, lock them in your trunk or keep them in a non-visible area. Criminals do watch for shoppers who place purchases in their vehicles and leave them unattended
- If your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused, notify your card issuer immediately

**Again, always be aware of your surroundings. If you see something or someone suspicious in the parking lot or store please notify security, store employees, or call the police.*

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AT HOME

- Be certain that you are locking your doors and windows when you leave your home
- Be cautious and cognizant of suspicious vehicles/people in your neighborhood
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers, packages, and mail
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied
- Consider indoor and outdoor lights on an automatic timer
- Try to stake holiday décor deep down into ground or tie to prevent theft
- Consider purchasing a doorbell camera
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home
- When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday displays, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base, so children, elderly, or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves
- If you use lights on your Christmas tree, ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed
Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire
- Cut down the boxes of gifts you have received prior to placing them in your trash can outside (Criminals love to see what you just received)
- Be sure to update your Record of Belongings list (serial numbers, descriptions etc. on your items of value). This form is available at www.pueblo.us/police under Crime Prevention Tab

REPORT

If you have no suspect information and no evidence for an officer to collect, you can self-report on our P2C online reporting at: <http://police.pueblo.us/p2c> or come to our front lobby (200 S. Main St.) during normal business hours to make a report at our kiosk.

If you have suspect information or evidence an officer needs to obtain, please call our non-emergency line at 553-2502 or if it's an emergency or crime in progress call 911.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!