

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

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Shopping

Keep your purse closed and close to your body

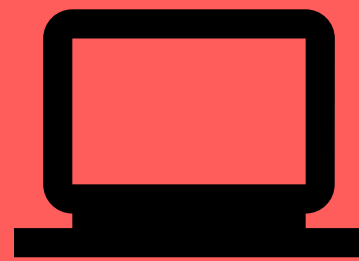
Be discreet with cash and credit cards while making purchases

Don't resist if someone tries to take any of your belongings, call 9-1-1 instead

Shopping with kids? Have a plan in case you get separated

Be aware of your surroundings while using an ATM

Online Shopping



Be aware of "good deal" scams

Keep personal information private and passwords secure

When ordering online, use a credit card instead of a debit card

Log on directly to the official website of the business instead of using a link to the website



When parking, select well-lit and well-traveled areas

Always close windows and lock doors

Car Safety

Store purchased items out of sight

Once back at your car, scan inside and outside

Do not leave valuables in plain view

Home Safety



Leave lights on, inside and outside

Always close windows and lock doors

Put lights on a timer

Have someone pick up your mail or stop your mail when going out of town

Keep blinds/curtains closed

Place trash in dark trash bags

Complete a Security Check Form and have the AEPD check on your home during your absence (<https://goo.gl/rMMxCc>)

Don't leave delivered packages on porch. Schedule alternative delivery sites or have someone bring in packages for you

Report any suspicious activity or persons by calling 9-1-1