



# HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



- \* **DON'T LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY/PURCHASES UNATTENDED.**
- \* **Stay alert and aware of your surroundings.** Secure bags and valuables before exiting or entering parked vehicles and public transit facilities.
- \* **Avoid leaving valuables in your car.** Whenever possible, place items out of sight prior to arriving at your destination. (GPS, Electronic Accessories ect.)
- \* **Travel on populated, well lit streets.** Plan your trip in advance.
- \* **Avoid cell phone usage while walking,** this is a prime time for a thief to grab your phone and run off in an opposite direction.
- \* **Carry only the cash and credit cards you will be using on your shopping trip.** Divide the cash between your purse, pockets and wallet. Keep a record of account numbers for each card.
- \* **Carry your purse close to your body.** Never wrap the strap around your body. A wallet should be carried in front pants pocket or breast pocket of your jacket.
- \* **While dining or shopping don't leave your handbag over the back of a chair or stroller.**
- \* **Don't wait until you have reached your front door to look for your keys.** Have them ready in your hand.

**PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**

**In Case of Emergency Dial 911**

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