

City of Vacaville Police Department



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Avoid the holiday rush - shop early! This tip may be more effective than the rest of the holiday tips. Shop before the rush starts or during less crowded hours.

Use the "buddy system". Shop with a friend. Criminals prefer victims who are alone. Check to see if the store can provide an escort to your car.

Park near the store and in well lighted areas. When you shop at night, park near the store or mall entrance and in well traveled areas.

Carry very little cash. Use credit cards or checks whenever possible. Store your wallet in an inner pocket of your clothing. Don't keep valuables in your purse or back pocket.

Don't advertise your valuable purchases. Place packages in the trunk of your car before your arms become full and before you leave for your next destination. Thieves watch for shoppers placing valuables in unattended cars.

Use caution when approaching your vehicle. Stay alert and have your keys ready in your hand. Watch out for anyone hiding in or loitering near your car.

Drive extra carefully. Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you. Allow an impatient driver to pass before they become hostile.

Check the security of your home. A well secured home with a lived in appearance watched by neighbors will be avoided by burglars. Avoid displaying Christmas presents in view of a passersby.

Don't advertise your new gifts. Crush all containers and boxes before throwing them away. Uncrushed cartons set out with your trash may attract a burglar to your new TV, stereo or other appliances.



For information contact the Vacaville Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit at 707-449-5432

Prevent Theft



Take out valuables

Lock up

Close windows &
doors

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449-5200