

OTHER HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR AT HOME AND OUT CELEBRATING

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE (ATM)

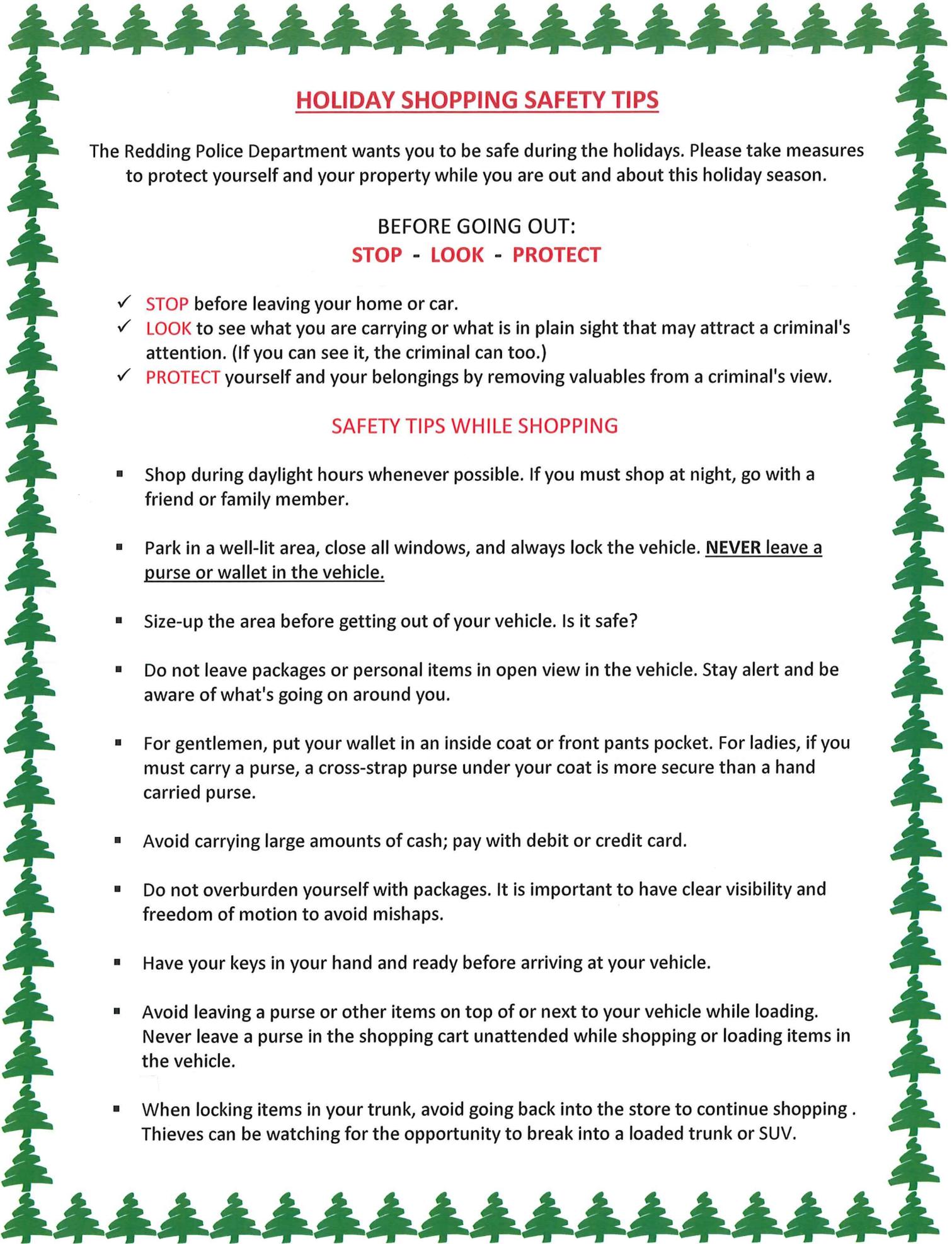
- Use an inside ATM whenever possible and avoid using them late at night.
- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a mall, or well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your Personal Identification Number (PIN) by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

CHILDREN

- If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter.
- Teach your child to go to the store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children their full name, address, and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security.
- Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

MAIL

- If possible, use a locking mailbox.
- If you do not use a locking mailbox, remember to take in mail daily.
- When mailing a gift card, consider dropping the envelope in a USPS blue box rather than mailbox pickup.
- If you use a computer, consider the USPS program called Informed Delivery.
 - Info link: <https://www.usps.com/business/pdf/informed-delivery-overview.pdf>



HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

The Redding Police Department wants you to be safe during the holidays. Please take measures to protect yourself and your property while you are out and about this holiday season.

BEFORE GOING OUT:

STOP - LOOK - PROTECT

- ✓ **STOP** before leaving your home or car.
- ✓ **LOOK** to see what you are carrying or what is in plain sight that may attract a criminal's attention. (If you can see it, the criminal can too.)
- ✓ **PROTECT** yourself and your belongings by removing valuables from a criminal's view.

SAFETY TIPS WHILE SHOPPING

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Park in a well-lit area, close all windows, and always lock the vehicle. **NEVER leave a purse or wallet in the vehicle.**
- Size-up the area before getting out of your vehicle. Is it safe?
- Do not leave packages or personal items in open view in the vehicle. Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- For gentlemen, put your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. For ladies, if you must carry a purse, a cross-strap purse under your coat is more secure than a hand carried purse.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with debit or credit card.
- Do not overburden yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Have your keys in your hand and ready before arriving at your vehicle.
- Avoid leaving a purse or other items on top of or next to your vehicle while loading. Never leave a purse in the shopping cart unattended while shopping or loading items in the vehicle.
- When locking items in your trunk, avoid going back into the store to continue shopping. Thieves can be watching for the opportunity to break into a loaded trunk or SUV.