



Holiday Shopping Safety Tips



The Tampa Police Department would like to remind citizens of these Crime Prevention tips during the holiday season.

- *Shop with a companion as much as possible, especially during the evening hours.*
- *Stay alert to your surroundings when walking to and from your vehicle.*
- *Have your keys in your hand when walking to your vehicle.*
- *Park in well-lit parking lots. Also, avoid parking next to large plants or shrubbery that can be used to conceal criminals.*
- *Keep valuables out of sight, in both vehicles and homes.*
- *Only take the credit card, or number of checks you plan on using...travel light!*
- *Don't advertise your purchases, dispose of boxes or containers carefully. For example: Cut television boxes up when disposing at the edge of the driveway.*
- *Report suspicious behavior by calling 9-1-1. It's always better to be safe than sorry.*

Important Numbers

Police & Fire Emergency.... 9-1-1

Non- Emergency Dispatch ... (813) 231-6130