

## Shopping Tips



If possible, do your shopping during the day and avoid peak periods.



Carry a small purse or fanny pack. This will make you a less attractive

target to purse snatchers.



Avoid doing all your shopping at once. The tendency would be to have a car full of gifts which increases your chances of your car being broken into.



Don't leave packages visible in your car. Place all valuables in the trunk of your vehicle. Don't give thieves a reason to break into your car.

Don't hesitate to ask mall security to escort you to your car when you exit the mall.

## Crime Prevention Programs



**Operation Id:** Identify your valuables by engraving your driver's license number on your property. Place the Operation ID decal in the window of your home.



**H.E.A.T. Help End Auto Theft:** register your car with the State of Texas. H.E.A.T. is a free statewide vehicle registration program administered by the Texas Department of Public Safety that helps law enforcement officials identify stolen vehicles.

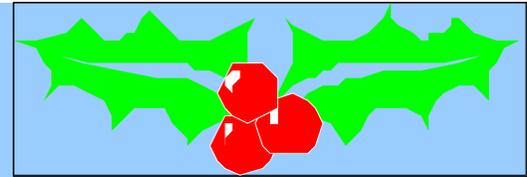
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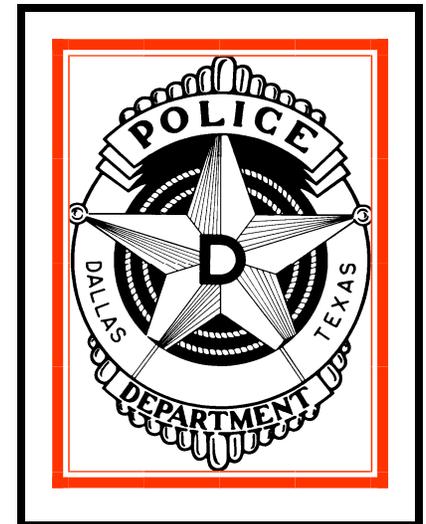
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## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

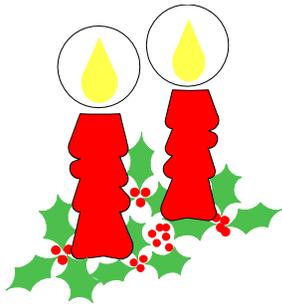
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## Happy Holidays

During the holiday season most people are thinking of last minute shopping and large meals. However, not everyone considers the holidays a time to celebrate, but rather an opportunity to commit a crime. Unfortunately, the holiday season provides a criminal many opportunities to spoil holiday cheer. Busy parking lots and hurried shoppers are just two elements working of a potential theft. Also, we make his job easier by advertising our recent purchases. By knowing what makes you more likely to be a victim of a “Holiday” crime, you can take steps to reduce your risk.



## Safety at Home!

### Windows:

Keep windows secure and install a secondary blocking device on all accessible windows including upper story windows.

### Alarm Systems:

Anyone considering hiring an alarm company or an alarm installer should check to see if they are licensed in Texas as required by Law. To check to see if an alarm company is licensed in Texas, visit the following web site:  
[www.txdps.state.tx.us/psb.company/company\\_search.aspx](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/psb.company/company_search.aspx).

Have a valid City of Dallas Residential Home Alarm Permit.



### Sliding Glass Doors:

Use a secondary locking device on all sliding glass doors .

### Holidays:

After you open your presents, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new laptop computer, DVD player, stereo receiver etc.. on the street for trash pickup. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal. Break boxes down or cut them up to conceal the items better. After a lucrative burglary, the chances of being burglarized again increase. Thieves may return to steal the new replacement products.

