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Safe Holiday Shopping

The holiday season should be a time of great joy as we celebrate and share gifts with those close to us. Unfortunately, it can be a time when crime becomes more prevalent. These tips are offered to help make your holiday season a safe and happy one. Please take some time to read them and share them with your family and friends.

Prepare: Plan your holiday shopping well in advance and shop as early in the day as possible. If you shop at a mall, try to shop with another person so that you are not alone. There is always safety in numbers. Also, try to avoid shopping when you are tired, under stress or in a hurry.

Be alert: Walk confidently, with your head up, and stay in well-lighted and well-traveled areas. Pay attention to people walking in front of and behind you. Pay particular attention when you are in crowded areas, such malls and stores that are filled with other shoppers. Places with large crowds are favorites for thieves and pickpockets. If you carry a purse, keep it in front of you and close to your body. You can do this by covering the flap or clasp with your hand or forearm. Never leave your purse in a shopping cart or on a counter while you pay for your purchases.

Be discreet: Only carry the credit/debit cards and money you will need. Do not carry large amounts of money. Also, if you put gift cards into your purse or wallet, remove them and put them in a safe place as soon as you get home. When using credit cards, never let them out of your sight and make sure that only one credit slip is printed with your charge card.

Secure your car: Cars can be an easy target for criminals. Park your car as close to your destination as possible and in a well-lighted area. When you do your shopping, remember to store your packages in the trunk of the car and not on the back seat. Also, if you take packages to the car but plan to return to the store or mall, drive your car to a new location within the parking lot. Criminals can be on the lookout for unsuspecting shoppers who simply drop their purchases into the trunk and then return to keep shopping.

When returning to your auto (or home), have your keys in your hand, ready to open the door. Don't allow yourself to become so burdened down with packages that you become a tempting target. Before entering your vehicle, carefully check the front and rear seats and floors for anyone that may be hiding there. Lock your doors immediately after entering the vehicle.

Secure your home: Remember, whether you are leaving the house to go shopping or out for an evening of Christmas parties, lock your doors and windows! Don't leave the drapes open with your presents in plain view. Christmas presents displayed around your tree can be a pretty sight, but can also be quite tempting to burglars.

Are you expecting packages to be delivered to your home? If so, plan accordingly. Have a trusted neighbor check for deliveries or have the packages delivered to your place of work.

Safety Tips for Online Shopping



With the holidays fast approaching, it is important to discuss how you can have a safe holiday experience online. I do a lot of my shopping online. It's convenient, easy and I don't have to stand in line, but of course there are some risks. Here are some helpful tips I would like to share to make sure your money and privacy are protected.

Make sure you shop only at secure web sites that use encryption. If the web site uses encryption technology to transfer your information (such as credit card and bank account numbers) to an online merchant's computer, that means the information is scrambled so computer hackers can't steal it. The only people that are able to unscramble the code are those

with legitimate access privileges.

Look for the "s" following "http" in a web address, indicating it's safe. Please note - you often don't see the "https" until you move onto the site's order page.

Make sure that the closed padlock or unbroken key display is at the bottom of your screen (on the browser's status bar). If that lock is open, you should stay away from it, as it's probably not a secure site.

If a web address has a string of numbers at the beginning of the URL, be suspicious because this isn't an address you'd see for a justifiable company.

Avoid public places and networks. Don't do online transactions when you're using public wireless networks. It's best to buy online at home. When you conduct business in public places using wireless connections, you take a chance of someone seeing your laptop screen, and stealing personal information. Also, they are able to grab the sensitive information you send over the wireless network.

Don't use public computers. Public computers are more likely to have programs that log keystrokes (keyloggers), as well as other spywares that snatch sensitive information. It is better to wait and make your Internet transactions when you get home.

Use credit cards instead of debit cards when purchasing items online. Debit transactions are riskier than credit ones because criminals can immediately drain your bank account. The money is spent quickly, so the offense is harder to fight. On the other hand, a credit card theft is not as disastrous, as your credit card company can help you resolve the matter. If you have more than one credit card, it is a good idea to use the same credit card for all your online purchases. If you still have reservations about giving out your credit card number online, then use third-party escrow services such as PayPal.

Don't share your social security number and/or birth date information. Legitimate web sites won't ask you to give out personal information such as your social security number (SSN) and/or birthdate. By giving out both your birth date and SSN, you can give criminals enough data to apply for new credit cards in your name.

Always keep accurate, detailed records of all online transactions. This way you'll have evidence of your purchase if problems occur.

Be sure your computer is secured with updated anti-virus, anti-spyware, and firewall software.

Finally, it's best to speak live to a real person before buying, especially if you have any questions. If a web site doesn't provide a phone number where you can talk personally to someone, then you probably shouldn't do business there.

Protect Yourself from Mail Theft



Especially during this time of year we need to be particularly alert to what outgoing mail we are putting in our mailboxes and what mail we are receiving in our mailboxes. Money, for example, is often sent in the mail as a Christmas gift and yet money left in a mailbox is an open invitation for a mail thief.

In many parts of Douglas County, mail theft is a year-round problem. Mailboxes contain a wealth of personal information such as checks, statements, and pre-approved credit offers, they are prime targets for identity thieves looking for an easy opportunity. These individuals steal mail at all times of the day and night. To protect yourself from becoming a victim of these individuals, there are some precautions that each

homeowner can take:

Do not place outgoing checks in your mailbox. This allows the mail thief to gain valuable information about you such as your bank account number, credit card numbers and other financial and personal information. Take all outgoing checks to the post office to mail. It is best to mail them at the inside mail drop of the post office or the large blue collection boxes.

Pick up your mail each day. This will prevent the mail thieves from obtaining your incoming mail, which could include bank statements, credit card statements and other financial or personal information about you and other family members.

If you are expecting checks and/or credit cards in the mail, check with your bank to see when they are to be mailed out. If you do not receive them when expected, notify the bank or credit card company immediately.

If someone calls you inquiring about information concerning your bank account or credit card, please make certain you know who you are talking to prior to releasing any information. Remember they called you so they know who you are: YOU need to know who they are. Ask for a business name, the business address, the name of the person calling and a telephone number to call them back. Then check the business name in the telephone book to make certain that the number you are calling is actually for that business. If something isn't correct, do not release any financial or personal information and call the police to report the incident.

Check your credit card statement each time you receive one. Make sure they are accurate and there are no transactions listed that you did not incur. Identity thieves do not need your credit card to victimize you; they only need the credit card number.

When you go out of town ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail or schedule a delivery stop with the United States Postal Service. This service is available online at www.usps.com.

Mail thieves are sometimes hard to catch in the act, and many times they are from outside our area. If you see strange vehicles driving in your neighborhood, obtain a description of the vehicle, occupants and activity and call your local law enforcement agency immediately.

And finally, consider starting a neighborhood watch program. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes).

Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between November 1-30, 2008 reported to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The information contained in this report is intended to help inform the citizens of Douglas County of the criminal activity occurring in their area. The data referenced in this report only includes incidents where a police report was initiated by a deputy and does not include all calls for service for the Sheriff's Office.

Burglaries

400 block Anne Street, Yoncalla
300 block Doerner Rd, Roseburg
30 block Mary Ann Ln, Roseburg
2300 block Northside Rd, Sutherlin
200 block Carson Ln, Green
4300 block Hanna St, Green
200 block Bushnell Dr., Tenmile
200 block Luke Ct., Myrtle Creek

Thefts

6000 block Hwy 230, Diamond Lake
Hwy 138 E / MP 70, Diamond Lake
100 block Mt. Scott Ln., Glide
300 block Leisure St., Glide
600 block John Long Rd., Oakland
800 block John Long Rd., Oakland
300 block Hidden Valley Ln, Garden Valley
4700 block Lookingglass Rd., Roseburg
2700 block S Hwy 99, Roseburg
300 block Melrose Rd., Melrose

900 block Mill St., Roseburg
1800 block W Duke Rd., Sutherlin
4500 block S Hwy 99, Green
8100 block Hwy 42, Tenmile
5100 block S Hwy 99, Green
200 block Ash St., Green
2300 block Circle Dr., Green
300 block Horseshoe Ln, Tenmile
400 block SE Reynolds St., Canyonville
1900 block Pruner Rd, Riddle
400 block W Pacific Ave., Glendale
800 block Autumn Ln, Azalea
5000 block Mount Reuben Rd., Glendale

Thefts from Motor Vehicle

300 block Jerry's Drive, Roseburg
100 block Currier St., Roseburg
300 block E. Bradley Ct., Roseburg
40 block Mary Ann Ln, Roseburg
100 block W Bradley Ct., Roseburg
2100 block Linell Ave, Green

100 block Geneva Ct., Green
100 block Ash St., Green

Criminal Mischief

100 block Beach Blvd, Winchester Bay
4700 block Hwy 38, Drain
800 block Clover Ave, Roseburg
300 block Jerry's Drive, Roseburg
100 block Isabell St., Roseburg
2500 block NE Stephens St., Roseburg
100 block Wingfoot Ct., Winchester
Del Rio / Rod & Gun Club, Roseburg
99S / Speedway Rd, Green
Hwy 42 / Benedict Rd, Tenmile
2000 block Gale St., Green
400 block SE Canyon St., Canyonville
Ecklund St / Hamlin Dr., Canyonville
100 block Arnold Ln, Myrtle Creek
100 block Chickering St., Myrtle Creek
400 block W Pacific Ave., Glendale
10000 block Azalea Glen Rd., Glendale
200 block Sether Ave., Glendale
Brown St / Sether Ave., Glendale



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