

# Holiday Safety Tips

## Halloween Safety

Have a fun and safe Halloween! Follow these safety tips.

- Wear light colored clothing or reflective tape so you can easily be seen.
- Make sure your costume fits well.
- Wear face make-up instead of a mask.
- Trick-or-treat with friends. It is more fun and safer too!
- Young children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Trick-or-treat during daylight. Carry a flashlight in case it gets dark.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and always use crosswalks.
- Trick-or-treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- Visit homes with porch lights on which welcome you.
- When trick-or-treating with friends, tell mom and dad your route.
- Bring your treats home and do not eat anything until your parents have checked it.
- If any treats look suspicious, have your parents call the police.

## Christmas/Hanukkah Season Safety

Have a safe and joyful holiday season! Follow these safety tips.

### Home Safety

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even if you will only be gone for a minute.
- Don't put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors.
- When going on trips or out for evenings, use automatic timers to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are home.
- Immediately after the holidays, mark new gifts with your California Driver's License or ID number.
- Don't advertise what you got for Christmas by putting the boxes out on trash day. Break the boxes down or take them to the dump yourself.

### Shopping Safety

- Lock packages in the trunk.
- Hide all other valuables out of plain sight, including cell phone chargers.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.
- If you must shop in the evening, shop with a friend.
- Park in well-lighted areas, as close as possible to store entrances. Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot, especially near your car.
- Lock your car and make sure the windows are closed.

- Carry only the charge cards you will need. Don't carry or flash large sums of cash.
- Carry your purse next to your body with the purse flap against you. Men should carry their wallets in front or inside pockets.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. Don't allow your attention to become distracted from your purse or packages.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall.
- Don't hesitate to notify store security if you see suspicious activity.
- If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lighted place.
- If you are a victim of a crime, report it to police immediately