



Bakersfield Composite Squadron #121



60-Second Safety Advisor #11

Holiday Shopping

As the holidays approach, we will all undoubtedly be doing some shopping. Please take a moment to think about some of the safety risks associated with holiday shopping and take the appropriate precautions to ensure your safety. Here are some things to think about:

- Shop before dark if possible. If you do shop after dark, park in a well-lit parking area and be very alert when walking to your car.
- Coordinate your shopping trips with a friend so you will not be alone.
- Lock your packages in your trunk (out of sight).
- Be sure to lock your car windows and doors to keep intruders from hiding in your car or stealing your merchandise.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Use credit cards and debit cards as much as possible.
- Keep a very close eye on your children. Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if they become separated from you.
- Watch the children very closely in the parking lots as the lots will likely have very heavy traffic.

Thinking ahead and taking a few precautions can mean the difference between a safe holiday season and a very bad experience!

