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Monterey Park Police Department Issues Holiday Safety Tips to Avoid Theft and Crime

Monterey Park, Calif. - November 28, 2018 - 'Tis the season to be jolly! Holiday safety shines brightest from late November to mid January when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes. Holiday season is a special time of the year. It is also a time when people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The [Monterey Park Police Department](#) wants to remind you to stay safe during this holiday season by taking these basic precautions:

- Be aware of suspicious activity around you.
- Lock the doors and windows of your home and vehicle.
- Be aware of your surroundings as you leave or approach your vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables in sight.
- If carrying a purse or wallet, be extra careful as they are prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping malls.
- Do not overload yourself with shopping bags. It is important to be mobile in a dangerous situation.
- Locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- Leave your television, lights or radio on so the house appears occupied.
- After Christmas, don't put empty boxes advertising your new products in your trash can. Break them down instead.

For additional information, contact the Monterey Park Police Department's [Community Services Bureau](#) at 626-307-1215 or to report a crime call 626-573-1311.

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