

Shop Smart

Safety Tips

-  If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Avoid those offers since they are more than likely cheap substitutes or damaged goods.
-  Update your computer's security and change passwords regularly.
-  Do not use public Wi-Fi when online shopping and only make purchases on secure websites.
-  If possible, schedule to have packages delivered to your home when you are going to be there.
-  Pay attention to your surroundings and park in well-lit areas as close to the buildings as possible.
-  Carry your purse and packages close to your body. Also, try not to carry too many packages at once.
-  Always lock your vehicle and check to make sure your doors are secured before heading into a store.
-  Prepare a shopping list in advance to reduce your time in the store.
-  Use your cell phone sparingly and keep it put away. Thieves can snatch phones and purses out of your hands and escape in crowds of people. A cell phone can also distract you from being alert.
-  Do not leave debit or credit cards on the counter and wait to get your card out when the cashier asks for it.
-  Shop with a friend or family member and watch your children intently. You are less of a target when you have someone with you.
-  Avoid peak shopping hours to lessen the chance of crowded aisles or lines.
-  Make sure all packages are placed out of sight in your vehicle before heading to your next stop.
-  Monitor your bank statement and credit reports for any suspicious purchases.
-  Stay home if you feel sick so you don't expose others.