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Holiday Safety Reminders

EL PASO, Texas — Now that Thanksgiving has arrived and Christmas is now just weeks away, we know many in our community will be going shopping. The El Paso Police Department would like to remind the community of some important safety tips to stay safe.

While Shopping:

- Always keep your children close to you.
- Do not shop alone.
- Never take more money than you need to make your purchases.
- Do not flash your money when paying for items.
- Pay with a debit card or credit card.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not leave any purchases or purses unattended.
- Do not overburden yourself with packages.
- Carry your purse close to your body.
- Always call police to report any suspicious activity

While Driving:

- Never drive if you have been drinking alcohol or under the influence of any other substance.
- Be aware of the side effects of medications as they can also impair driving abilities.
- Give yourself extra time to arrive as there will be more people out and about.
- Put down your cellphone and concentrate on driving.
- Ensure that packages and items do not block your view as your drive.
- Watch out for children.
- Slow down and plan ahead.



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Watch your car:

- Lock your vehicle.
- Use an antitheft device.
- Do not leave any packages or valuables inside the vehicle.
- Never leave your car running with the keys in it.
- Approach your vehicle with your keys out and ready.
- Park in well lighted areas.
- Keep your vehicle in proper working order.
- If something seems wrong or suspicious when approaching your car, stop and call the police.

The El Paso Police Department wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday. Help us keep everyone safe by keeping these important tips in mind and as always reporting any suspicious activity.

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