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8 Safety Tips for the Holiday Season

(City of South Fulton, GA – December 3, 2019) The holiday season is a joyous time known for giving. It's also a time known for taking, as criminals have more opportunities to strike.

The City of South Fulton Police Department wants to help you take precaution while you enjoy your holidays. Here are 8 tips to ensure you'll have a safe holiday season:

Break Down Boxes

Never leave boxes on the curb. This helps perpetrators to know the gifts you have purchased or received. This may include items such as big-screen televisions and other big-ticket items. Break boxes and discard inside your trash bins or take them to your local dump.

Don't Leave Your Car Idle

As it gets colder, cars take longer to warm in the morning. Never leave your car unattended while running. Even if you don't see anyone around, you never know who's lurking.

Be Attentive

Pay attention to your surroundings at all times. Don't let your mobile device distract you during the holiday season. If you wear earbuds, keep the volume at a level where you can hear what's going on around you.

Don't Leave Items in Plain Sight

Never leave your shopping bags in plain sight in your car. Lock the items in your trunk. If someone notices you putting shopping bags in your trunk, move your vehicle to another location. Make sure your doors are always locked.

Shop with a Group

While shopping or attending events this holiday season, avoid doing so alone. Always check to see if a friend or family member can accompany you. There's safety in numbers.

Avoid Becoming a Slider Crimes Victim

Constant trips to the mall mean constant trips to the gas station. Avoid slider crimes by taking your keys, locking your car doors and turning your car off while at a standstill.

Make Package Delivery Arrangements

Package delivery theft increases over the holidays. If you're having a package delivered, make arrangements to be home or have it delivered where someone can accept the package.

Use the Police to Citizen Portal

The Police to Citizen portal is an online tool that makes it easier for City of South Fulton residents to fight crime in their community. The portal allows residents to report non-emergency incidents such as criminal trespass, vandalism, lost or mislaid property, suspicious activity and theft by taking (less than \$500.00 value). [Click here](#) to learn more about the tool.

The City of South Fulton wants you to enjoy the holiday season vigilantly. If you see suspicious activity, report it using the [Police to Citizen portal](#) or call 911. If you see something, say something. Happy Holidays!

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