



Shopping Holiday Safety

(Parking lot & Inside the store)



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Shopping Safety/Parking Lots

■ *In The Parking Lot*

- *The mere act of parking your car in a busy shopping mall parking lot can be a high-risk adventure. To protect yourself:*
- *Go slow. Drive defensively and be patient.*

- **Watch for illuminated taillights to spot cars pulling out.**
- **Improper backing ranks as the top cause of parking lot mishaps.**



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- *Allow sufficient space when you pull into the spot.*
- *Be prepared to yield the right of way.*
- *Always assume the pedestrian does not see you. Without direct eye contact, you can't be sure. Be extra careful at night.*
- *Drive no faster than 5 to 10 miles an hour in parking areas, even if they are relatively empty. Use your turn signals.*

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■ *Walking To And From*

- *Try to park in well-lighted areas as close to the front door of the store as possible.*
 - *Avoid shopping alone.*
- If you are worried about walking to your car alone, ask a security guard or a store employee to accompany you.
 - Have your keys in your hand before you exit the store.



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- *Body language is important. Look confident and aware of your surroundings, as opposed to preoccupied with your head down and overloaded with packages.*
- *Glance under the car when you are approaching it. Check the back seat before you enter.*
- *Lock the doors immediately once you are inside.*



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- *Be particularly aware of your surroundings while using an ATM.*



- If you are accosted by a robber, scream.
- On icy surfaces, wear shoes with good traction and look where you're going.



Shopping Safety Inside The Store

■ Escalators

- *Do not place packages on the steps or balance them on the handrails.*
- *Don't take carts, strollers, or wheelchairs on an escalator.*
- *Never allow children to ride an escalator unattended. Do not let them sit or drag their feet along an escalator's side.*
- *Hold on to the handrail.*
- *If your hands are full, take the elevator.*



Shopping Safety Inside The Store

■ *Shopping Carts*

- *There are about 25,000 trips to emergency rooms each year due to falls from shopping carts, most of them involving young children.*
- *Shop where they have supervised play areas.*
- *Have your child wear a safety belt in the cart.*
- *Don't let kids hang on the carts.*
- *Carts with infant carriers are more likely to tip over due to a high center of gravity.*

**Stay Safe This
Holiday and**



*Make Another Year
Count!!*

