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Holiday Safety Tips from the Oakland Police Department

Oakland, CA — The holidays are wonderful, but this is the time of the year that criminals take advantage of our residents and shoppers. The Oakland Police Department has patrols in key areas of Oakland and will continue to partner with other law enforcement agencies and members of the community to reduce crime during the holiday season.

Don't make yourself an easy target. You can do a lot to protect yourself.

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A few safety reminders are listed below:

- **Always be aware of your surroundings. Don't be distracted by cell phones and electronic devices.**
- **Stay in well lit, populated areas.**
- **Stay alert and don't leave shopping bags and packages unattended.**
- **Do not leave packages, shopping bags or other items of value visible in your vehicle (place valuable items in your trunk *prior* to arriving at your destination).**
- **Don't carry large amounts of cash or show large amounts of cash when making purchases.**
- **Be especially alert when entering and exiting your vehicle.**
- **Remember to lock your car door after entering your vehicle.**
- **Let people know when you intend to arrive at your destination, so they can keep an eye out for you.**
- **If someone or something looks suspicious, call the police on OPD's non-emergency number (510) 777-3333**
- **If you are calling in Oakland, the CELL PHONE emergency number is (510) 777-3211. Program it into your cell phone.**

Nixle Tip Watch allows tipsters to send OPD a tip three ways:

1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888777** from your cell phone
2. *Call* our toll-free tip hotline at **855-TIPS-247** (855-847-7247)
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages

For more information, please contact the Media Relations Office at 510-238-7230 or opdmedia@oaklandnet.com. or Visit Nixle.com to receive Oakland Police Department alerts, advisories and community messages, or follow OPD on Twitter, [@oaklandpoliceca](https://twitter.com/oaklandpoliceca).

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