

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF RAND HENDERSON

## MEDIA ADVISORY

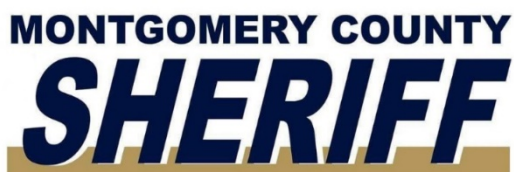
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### MCTXSheriff Shopping Safety Tips

As the Holiday season approaches, Sheriff Rand Henderson and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office want to provide you with some safety shopping tips to help you stay safe. Also as a reminder don't forget T.L.C. Take-Lock-Conceal your belongings while shopping and at night when you are home.

Sheriff Rand Henderson states, "As the holiday shopping season approaches I want to remind all citizens and visitors to Montgomery County to be vigilant when shopping. We will be stepping up patrols around major shopping areas, but please follow our important safety tips and remember to report suspicious activity immediately."



### Black Friday Safety Tips for Shoppers

**Be Patient** - Expect long lines. Remember safety comes first. Enter the store safely, do not rush!! Always be considerate of other shoppers. Don't argue or fight over an item.

**Conceal Your Purchases** - Nothing gets a thief going like a car full of bags that are clearly visible. Lock them in your trunk or place them under seats out of sight. Criminals watch and break in to steal the items when you return to the store or mall. **Remember: Take It, Lock It, Conceal It.**

**Protect Yourself** - Women should carry their purses close to their body and men should keep their wallets in their front pocket or in a coat pocket to deter pickpockets. Also, shop in groups if possible and watch for near and around your vehicle. Shopping with a single credit card is safer because it's easier to cancel one card than several, if a wallet or purse gets lost or stolen.

**Park and be Safe** - Anticipate minimal parking availability. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. When returning to your car, stop, listen, and look around. Stay alert to your surroundings and have your car keys readily available before you get to your vehicle.

**Obey The Laws** - Drive the speed limit, stop at stop signs and don't park in handicap spots. Be mindful of pedestrians, especially children. Don't walk in the middle of traffic lanes.

**Buckle Up for Safety and please be very patient! Refrain from texting while driving and walking! Watch out for children!**

If shopping with children, select a central location to meet in case you are separated. Teach kids how to ask a security guard or employee for help if they're lost.



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**TAKE** YOUR KEYS   **LOCK** YOUR CAR   **CONCEAL** YOUR THINGS

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- Activate your vehicle alarm system.
- Park in well-lit areas and avoid parking in remote areas.
- Call law enforcement and notify the business' security of any suspicious activity of persons.
- If you park in your driveway, be sure to lock your vehicle.
- Install motion sensor lighting where you park your cars.
- Park your vehicle in a locked garage, if possible.
- Do not leave any items in plain view in your vehicle.
- Remove or hide all valuables from your vehicle before parking.

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