

## BURBANK POLICE HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

### Basic Crime Prevention

- Stay Alert. Be mindful of your surroundings, who's in front of you and behind you. Don't get distracted.
- Stand tall, walk purposefully, and confidently. Make eye contact with people around you.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave right away and seek help if necessary.

### Shopping Safety Tips

- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry or clothing when you do your holiday shopping. You can make yourself a target for thieves.
- When possible, shop during the day rather than night. If you must shop at night, use the buddy system (take a friend or relative with you).
- Do not carry large sums of cash with you at any time. Use your credit cards or checks. They can be cancelled and replaced if stolen. If you must carry cash, do not display it in public.
- Purses should be carried close to the body, under an exterior garment (if possible). Flaps should be secured and turned towards the body at all times.
- Wallets should be carried in an inside coat pocket and cash in a front pants pocket. A rubber band can be wrapped several times around a wallet to increase friction and make it easier to detect if you are being pick pocketed.
- Before entering an elevator, look at the persons already in the car. If you are uneasy, trust your instincts. Pretend you forgot something and walk away.
- Never allow children to go to the bathroom alone.

### Vehicle/Parking Lot Tips

- Park in well-lighted areas and lock your doors, no matter how long you'll be gone.
- After parking or returning to your vehicle, carry your keys in your hand and beware of your surroundings
- Do not leave your holiday packages or any valuables in plain view in your vehicle. Put them in the trunk.
- Check the front and rear seats, and floorboards before entering your vehicle.
- Drive with all doors locked and windows rolled up