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### HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

As the 2008 holiday shopping season begins, the Burlington Police would like to take a moment to re-emphasize holiday safety. We urge shoppers and citizens to follow prudent safety guidelines including but not limited to:

- If shopping after dark be sure to take well traveled streets and do not walk alone.
- Park in well lit and well traveled areas.
- Keep purses, parcels, and packages close to your body and do not walk with too many items.
- If storing packages in your car do so only temporarily and out of site. Use the trunk, not the back seat.
- Do not leave other personal valuables in your car, even momentarily.
- As always, keep doors and windows locked to avoid theft from your residence.
- When shopping – bring only the bank cards and cash you need – do not travel with all of your financial information, bank cards, social security card and other information in one wallet or bag.
- If someone does try to steal from you, do not resist. Your personal safety is far more important than your property. Instead, become a good witness.
- Never leave your keys in your car, or leave your running vehicle unattended. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to drive off with your car.

For more information please visit the following websites or stop by the Burlington Police Department for further tips: The Burlington Police Department: [www.bpdvt.org](http://www.bpdvt.org) or The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) – Home of McGruff – the Crime Dog: [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org)

*Respect ~ Honor ~ Remember*

*Officer James P. McGrath, end of watch May 12, 1904; Officer J. Albert Fisher, end of watch December 15, 1947*