



"History's Hometown"

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With the Thanksgiving holiday quickly approaching so is "Black Friday" and the shopping season in anticipation of Christmas. With that in mind Chief Brian Neagle and members of the Auburn Police Department would like to offer the following crime prevention tips:

➤ **When shopping**

- Even though it is a busy time of the year with a lot on your mind, always be aware of your surroundings.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lighted area and as close to the entrance of the store you intend to shop at. Never leave your vehicle running unattended for any period of time.
- Lock your vehicle and make sure windows are completely up and secured.
- Lock passenger compartments of your vehicle including the glove box and center console.
- Never leave packages or valuable items in plain view. Remove them from the vehicle or secure them in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large sums of cash, bring only what is needed such as a driver's license and a credit card; carry those items in your pocket.
- If you must use an ATM, use one inside of a well-populated building or a well-lighted area. Only withdraw the amount of cash that you will need for that day and protect your PIN from the view of other people.
- Always carry a cell phone and have emergency contacts programmed into the phone.
- Always report suspicious activity.
- Shop with a friend and if you feel concerned for your safety ask a store employee, store security or law enforcement officer to escort you to your vehicle.

➤ **When away from home**

- Be sure to lock your windows and doors even when you leave the house for a short period of time.
- When you leave your home for extended holiday travel, have a neighbor or friend watch your home while you're away. Have them collect your mail and newspapers while you're gone.
- Place lights, radio, and television on timers so that your home appears occupied.
- Avoid having large displays of gifts visible from windows and doors.

The Auburn Police Department remains committed to the safety and security of its residents and would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

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