



### **Personal Safety while shopping, in parking lots or in large crowds:**

Always listen to your sixth sense—if something doesn't seem right—it probably isn't. Be sure not to ignore this and change what you're doing to keep yourself and loved-one safe, or report any potential suspicious person or circumstance to authorities.

- Make a note of your parking spot so that you don't have to wander around the parking lot after shopping.
- Consider using valet parking service if one is offered and you are able.
- Have your keys in your hand before leaving the mall and walk purposely to your car.
- Make sure nobody is in the car before entering, and lock the doors immediately when you get inside.
- If you are leaving a mall alone at night, you may request a security escort to your car.
- At an Automated Teller Machine (ATM), choose one that is located inside a mall, grocery store, or well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need. Shield the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you so they cannot view your transaction or obtain your PIN. Do not throw your ATM receipt away.
- Don't display large sums of cash in public. Be discreet about money or other valuables you are carrying.
- Be alert in public restrooms. If anything seems amiss or if a group of people is loitering in the area, leave quickly and find another facility.
- Stay alert in crowds to protect your valuables. A thief can use the cover of the crowd to make a quick getaway after stealing your wallet or shopping bag.
- Take only the credit cards you NEED for shopping, leave the rest at home.



- Ladies, carry your purses close to your body and separate your cash from your credit card.
- Men, consider carrying your wallet in a front pocket and/or adding a large rubber band around it so if a thief tries to swipe it, it will get caught on the pocket.
- Don't keep your keys in your purse. If your purse is stolen, the thief will have your address and keys to your home. Keep your keys in your pocket without an ID.