

San Diego County Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention Suggestions

- ✓ Put all shopping packages, leather goods, and electronics out of plain site in your vehicle.
- ✓ Completely close all of your vehicle's windows when leaving your car parked at home, on the street, or in parking lots. Leaving them open, even a crack, can invite trouble.
- ✓ Park your vehicle in well lit areas at night. Be aware of your surroundings and make sure that no one is following you. If you feel that you are in danger at a mall, go to Security or a store to request a guard. You may have to wait, but one will be provided.
- ✓ Whenever you return to your vehicle to drop-off packages, take the time to move your vehicle to a new parking spot. This will help ensure that no one watching will see that you are leaving your parcels in your vehicle to return to the mall for more shopping.
- ✓ Where ever you use a credit card, only the final four or five digits of the card should show on the customer copy of your receipt. This is the law.
- ✓ Be careful where you leave confidential materials, especially Social Security numbers and credit cards, even in your own home.
- ✓ Be vigilant to close and lock all doors and windows before you leave home.

These tips have been gathered by the SVCA from various presentations made to our association by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. At our monthly meetings, we are fortunate to have a Crime Prevention Specialist attend and present the previous month's property crime report for the Bonita area. He also shares crime prevention suggestions based on the Sheriff Department's experience. We are providing them on our site to help get this important message out to our community.

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