



2022 Protect ID/Property During Holidays

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“Whether it’s ID theft, motor vehicle crimes or home burglaries, those occur every day, but we know the holidays are a time when these crimes can really spike. So it’s important for consumers to take steps to protect themselves, that way they reduce the risk of becoming a victim. Thieves know you’re spending money over the holidays. They know you’re more likely to have valuables in your car or your home. So you have to protect yourself.”

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“When it comes to protecting your ID and sensitive information online you want to practice extra caution. So avoid shopping on unfamiliar websites, frequently change your passwords, you never want to enter credit card or private information while surfing on a public network, and always use a secure Wi-Fi connection. And one other good idea, using an identity protection service that can alert you when something’s not right.”

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“In Texas, December actually has one of the highest larceny theft and motor vehicle crime rates compared to any other time of the year. So when you’re out shopping at stores or the mall, make sure you lock your vehicle, park in well-lit areas and remove all valuables or at least hide them out of sight. A back seat full of shopping bags and recently purchased gifts is a welcome sight for opportunistic thieves.”