

# Holiday Safety Tips



- The Crime Prevention Unit of the Sandy Springs Police Department recommends the following for a safe and happy holiday season:



# While Shopping

Stay alert and be aware of everything around you.

Park in a highly visible well-lighted space.

Lock your car.

Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet in your front pocket.

Place all shopping bags, etc. in your trunk.

Look in & around your car before you get in.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

Don't park next to a van or truck where people can hide.



# Out for the Evening

Turn on the lights, TV or radio so that it appears someone is home.

Lock all doors and windows, even if your gone for only a few minutes.

Holiday gifts should not be displayed where they can be seen from the outside.



# While Driving

Be alert at intersections & stop lights.

Keep you car in gear & leave enough space between you & the car in front of you.



Keep windows rolled up & doors locked at all times.

Keep valuables (purse, wallet, packages, etc.) out of sight.

If followed, do not drive home. Go to a police or fire station, gas station or other public place.

If your car breaks down, stay with it & don't accept a ride.

Keep your car well maintained and gassed up.



# At Home

Keep all doors & windows locked, even if you step out for a moment.



Video & take pictures of all of your belongings.

If you use a ladder to hang lights, etc., make sure you secure the ladder when finished.

Be aware of strangers coming to your home asking for donations. If you are unsure if/when this happens, call 911.



# At the ATM

**Stay alert.** Be aware of your surroundings when you use the ATM. Park in a well lighted area & have someone accompany you.



**Report Suspicious People.** If you notice anything unusual, cancel your transaction, pocket your card leave the area ASAP & call 911.

**Be Prepared.** Have everything ready before arriving at the ATM. When you complete your transaction, pocket your cash, your card & leave the area. Count your cash later.

**Drive-Up ATM.** When using a drive up ATM, remember to keep doors locked, windows up & car running.



# Swift 911

SWIFT 911™, an Emergency Notification Service, which is a reverse 911 type system. It is capable of contacting and notifying all Sandy Springs residents and community members in the event of an emergency. The City will use the system solely to notify residents of emergency incidents throughout the city, where citizen action is requested to preserve life and/or property.

SWIFT 911™ is a high-speed notification system that, in the event of an emergency, contacts every household and/or phone number either by telephone, email, text or pager. Because this program uses a map of Sandy Springs in a grid, calls can alternatively be made to specific neighborhoods with information affecting only that area.



# NIXLE

Receive trusted public safety alerts directly from Sandy Springs Police Department by text message, email, or the web at No cost to you plus its reliable and simple.

## We have four types of Alerts:

**ALERT** – Is time sensitive and needs to be sent A.S.A.P.

**ADVISORY** - Information that needs to be distributed but not as time sensitive as an ALERT.

**COMMUNITY**- This is information we would like to share with the Sandy Springs community as a FYI type of information regarding the Police Department.

**TRAFFIC** - This is information we like to update the Sandy Springs Community on regarding traffic issues in the area on a regular basis or incases of emergency or road closures.



# What Next?

**When in doubt, CALL 911**

