TIPS FOR **Safe Holiday Shopping**

Online

1. **Keep a Clean Machine:** Smartphones or other devices you use for shopping should have up-to-date software.

2. **When in Doubt, Throw it Out:** If an e-mail looks suspicious, it's best to delete it or mark it as junk.

3. **Think Before you Act:** Be wary of communications that offer deals that sound too good to be true, or that implore you to act immediately.

4. **Get Savvy about WiFi Hotspots:** Don't share personal or financial information over an unsecured WiFi network (one that doesn't require a password for access).

5. **Make Sure the Site is Legitimate:** This includes a closed padlock on your web browser or a URL address that begins with shttp or https.

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6. **Protect your Personal Information:** Make sure the information requested is only that needed to complete the transaction. Check the website's privacy policy to understand how your information will be used.

7. **Use Safe Payment Options:** Credit cards are generally the safest option.

8. **Keep a Paper Trail:** Save records of your online transactions. Read your credit card statements as soon as you get them and, if there is a discrepancy, report it immediately.

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