

## Online Shopping Tips

- Where possible, use a secure online payment service like PayPal or WorldPay.
- Use credit cards rather than debit cards.
- Do not keep your personal or financial information (including account passwords) on your computer.
- Use removable storage (like a USB stick).
- Do not give out personal or financial information to vendors over the phone, through the mail, or online unless you are absolutely certain that your contact is legitimate.
- Try to make all of your online transactions with one credit card, if you have more than one.
- Keep a record of what you pay for and always check your online purchases off against your statements.
- Always check the privacy policy of any Web site that requests personal details. If the Web site is requesting this type of information and does not have a privacy policy, it is not wise to submit your information.
- When submitting information online, make sure there is a “lock” icon on the browser’s status bar (and that it is “locked”).
- Keep your operating system, anti-virus, anti-spyware and firewall software and/or firewalls on every computer you own/use.

You are always home in Pinecrest!



## Village of Pinecrest

### Village Council

Cindy Lerner, *Mayor*

Joseph M. Corradino, *Vice Mayor*

Jeff Cutler

James E. McDonald

Bob Ross

TEL 305.234.2121 · FAX 305.234.2131  
12645 PINECREST PARKWAY | PINECREST, FLORIDA 33156  
[www.pinecrest-fl.gov](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov)



Certified Green Partners ensures that the paper used contains fibers from sustainable and well-managed forests. Printed by the first quadruple-certified green printer, [acgraphics.com](http://acgraphics.com)  
#CGP-EGC/PR-1001.

## Personal Safety Tips while you are shopping



**Be Aware... Be Safe**  
**Learn and Get Informed**

**This brochure can help you make  
smart choices - and help you avoid a  
dangerous situation**



## Personal Safety Tips

- Be observant, alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. Avoid dark areas, alleys and suspicious people.
- Be prepared to flee potential problems, and carry a whistle or personal alarm. Yell "FIRE"!
- Walk with a friend or family member at night; do not wear jewelry or expensive watches when walking late.
- Do not carry a large amount of cash.
- Do not stop if signaled by anyone other than a clearly marked police vehicle.
- Carry your cell phone.
- When in doubt call 911.

## Shopping Safety Tips

- Shop with friends or relatives if possible, since there is safety in numbers.
- Using credit cards is much safer than carrying a lot of cash.
- Visit ATMs that are well lit or in a populated area, and watch out for suspicious persons "hanging" around the ATM or get your cash during daylight hours.
- NEVER leave your purse in a shopping cart, not even for a minute. Wear your purse over your neck and shoulder and keep the purse closed.
- Keep a close eye on your children while shopping. Teach kids to go to a store clerk or security guard, if they get separated from you.
- Do not keep your PIN numbers with your credit/ATM cards.
- If you see anything suspicious while shopping, notify the store manager or a store employee.
- Do not leave your packages unattended.
- Watch out for pickpockets.

## Vehicle Safety Tips

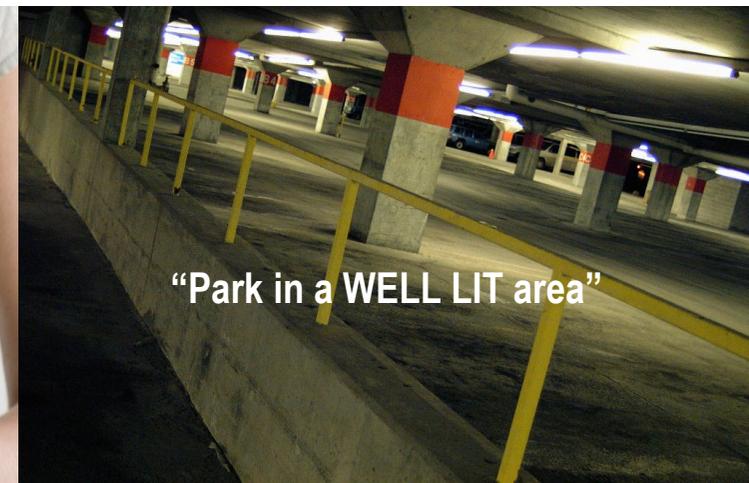
- Always wear your seatbelt. Kids too!
- Don't Drink and Drive!
- Keep holiday gifts and packages out of sight and locked in your trunk.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view inside your vehicle. Lock them up in your trunk. Most common items stolen from cars: Purses, packages, cell phones, cameras, laptops, wallets.
- If you are alone, ask someone (security, friend or other person) to walk you to your car.
- Park in a WELL LIT area.
- Roll up your windows and lock your vehicle. Secure items in the trunk.
- Immediately, lock your vehicle doors once you have entered your car.
- Always be aware as you are driving home if you have been followed. If you are in doubt, head to a well lit, populated location.



"Do not carry a large amount of cash"



"Watch out for pickpockets"



"Park in a WELL LIT area"