# BE ALERT!

If you see or hear anything suspicious, call the police.

**Crime Stoppers** 1-800-244-TIPS Call 9-1-1
for Emergencies
or
Crimes in Progress

If you "See something, Say something".

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Safety Tips

## **Take Inventory**

Take time to update or create your home inventory. Take photos or make a video of valuable items with descriptions and serial numbers.

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The Nassau County Police Department is hoping to help keep you and your family safe by providing some useful tips.

## **S**hopping Tips

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at ALL times.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with check or credit card when possible.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages or shopping bags.
- Be sure your purse or wallet is secured at all times.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
- If there is a police sub-station at your mall, be aware of its location.
   Not sure? Call your local precinct.

#### **Burglary Prevention**

- If you have an alarm, be sure to set it. Consider installing an alarm system, if you don't have one.
- Valuables should be kept out of sight, away from windows.
- Never publicize when you will be out of town on voicemail or the internet.
- Turn on lights or a TV so it looks like someone is at home.
- Lock all doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home if you'll be away.
- If you see something suspicious or out of place in your neighborhood, call the police.

#### Thefts from Vehicles

- Park in well-lighted and welltraveled areas.
- Lock the car, close the windows, and never leave vehicle running if you're not in it.
- Leave nothing visible in the car.
   Hide packages and shopping bags in the trunk.
- Do not leave a GPS or any other electronic device visible in the vehicle.
- Keep keys in your hand when walking to your car or home.

# **Shopping Online**

- Shop only on secure websites.
- Do not respond to emails asking you for personal or credit card information.
- Check your credit card and bank statements regularly.