Online shopping has become one of the most popular ways to shop. If you enjoy cyber-shopping, just think how much the criminals love it too! Tis’ the season that they will be out and about checking for your cyber deals that you’ve actually paid for right at your front door! Criminals want it for free, so we have to make sure that doesn’t happen this holiday season. We want you to have a very Merry and Happy Holiday Season, so let’s fight crime together by following some of these safety tips.

**PACKAGE DELIVERY!**

**Porch pirates:** Last year, we saw a 10 year high in open area thefts. Most of these were delivery packages left on porches and cost victim's over $50,000. We expect the trend to continue and encourage people to use alternative delivery options such as a porch lock box, holding locker at multiple locations throughout Lincoln, including most Walgreens.

Having your packages delivered to your home increases your chances of becoming a victim of package thefts. If you’re expecting packages, request signature confirmation or have a trusted neighbor hold onto it for you.

**HOLIDAY SCAMS!!**

**Romance Scams** - Don't send money or gift cards to people you meet online. Scammers start online relationships in hopes of getting money from an unsuspecting victim.

**Phony Government Calls** - The IRS and Law Enforcement agencies will never call you to solicit money.

**Grandchild Scam** - Think twice before sending money to a stranger who claims to know your child/grandchild and that they are in need of fast cash.

**HOLIDAY SPIRITS**

Make sure that if you decide to drink alcoholic beverages, PLEASE make arrangements for a sober driver. There will be extra enforcement focused on impaired driving during the month of December. Last year Lincoln Police Officers arrested 85 drunk drivers. There were 27 accidents caused by drunk drivers.

The Holiday Season can be difficult, if you need help, please call us at 402-441-6000/911 or the 24 hour Mental Health Crisis Line at 402-475-6695.

We Wish you and yours, a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!