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Holiday Watch – North Coastal

The Sheriff's Department's Holiday Watch is underway so you don't become a victim of a crime this busy shopping and travel season. In the North Coastal command of Del Mar, Encinitas and Solana Beach, deputies are utilizing the Sheriff's [SkyWatch](#). It goes two stories into the air and serves as an observation point over parking lots for suspicious activity. Deputies are also increasing patrols on bicycles while senior volunteers are speaking to shoppers on ways they can stay safe at shopping centers.

Click on the photo to watch a video about the North Coastal Sheriff's Station's Holiday Watch.



Here are some safety tips when you are out and about:

- Shop during the day when possible and shop with a friend.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Put your cell phone down, it's a distraction.
- Don't overload your arms with packages and bags while shopping.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Have your keys out and ready when approaching your car.
- Be aware of how you carry your purse or wallet. Would it be easy for someone to take it?
- When out at the malls and stores shopping, lock your car doors and take valuables with you.
- When storing items purchased at the stores in your car, place them out of sight. The best place is in a locked trunk.

We also want to remind you about our free [vacation home checks](#) and [You Are Not Alone \(YANA\)](#) program for seniors and disabled people who live alone.

