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Sleigh Bells Ring; Are you listenin', in the lane thieves are waitin'.....

We all know to park in well lit areas, avoid carrying a purse or messenger bag, don't overload yourself with shopping bags, but thieves are crafty and are continuing to come up with news ways to threaten your safety and your cash! Be wary of these new scams —

On the Phone

Scammers are preying on your goodwill to give generously this season to their organization. The organization though is their very own pocket! Be wary of high pressure, emotionally charged, donate now pitches. If the "representative" is unable to answer reasonable questions as to how the money will be used or specifically who will benefit from your donation then discontinue your

phone call without agreeing to anything. If you've never heard of the charity or it just doesn't seem right then don't do it.

In the Stores

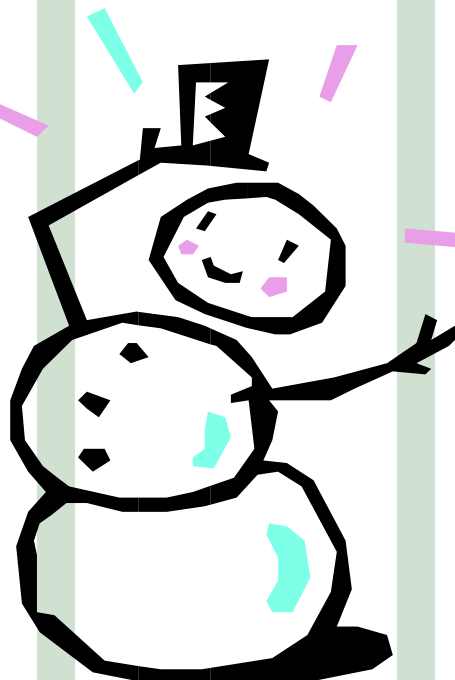
What do you turn to for

that hard to buy for person? Usually a gift card fits just right! Scammers this year are watching those gift cards. They'll write down the numbers and then call the 800 numbers to learn when the card has been activated. After that they can steal your balance for their own use! Just be sure the gift card you choose is protected by the scratch-off security codes on the back. Even better is protective packages so they can't see the back or only buy cards that are kept behind the registers, available on request, or purchases on-line.

On-Line

Shopping in your jammies! What could be better? Do make the

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Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland!!!

Holiday

Mott Community College has teamed up with Baker College of Flint, Kettering University and the University of Michigan-Flint in launching a Holiday Food Drive with proceeds to

Giving is Easy!

benefit the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. MCC, Baker, Kettering and UM-Flint are engaging in a friendly competition again this year to see which institution can donate the most

Food Drive

money and items for the food bank. Bins for donations will be located throughout the campus', now through December 17th. With the increasing

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Call - We can help!

Campus Emergency

810-762-5666

Non-emergency

810-762-0222

Campus closing

810-762-8989



Emotional Times

Your Department of Public Safety is saddened each time we have to take a report of stolen property. As the economy continues to be unstable it is important, perhaps even more so now, to be mindful of our personal safety and our belongings. It is never convenient to lose a purse or wallet, car keys, or book bags and have to spend the time and energy recovering or replacing items. And yes, it can happen to you, sometimes even though we have taken precautions but let's not open the doors that thieves are waiting for. Carry only the items you need on your person. If it's necessary to leave items behind in your vehicle then keep them out of sight. Lock personal items in the trunk—BEFORE you arrive to your destination. Maintain a list of serial numbers to laptops and account numbers/phone numbers to credit cards so if it does happen to you, you're able to better manage your recovery. Remember that your Department of Public Safety will provide an on-campus, safe arrival escort any time you feel your safety is threatened.

Call us—We're here to help! 762-0222

Giving.....

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need in our community, the Food Bank needs our help now more ever! The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan began as the Genesee County Food Bank in 1981. Thanks to the tremendous support of our community and those around us, the Food Bank has grown to collect and distribute 17.8 million pounds of food annually to 22 counties with the help of 400 partnering agencies! These agencies service clients in need without fees or charges.



Help the Food Bank help Others!

In the Lane.....

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most of it and protect yourself. Be sure you know and understand the company with whom you'd like to make a purchase. Use your search engine to check them out before you order. Do they have a Privacy Policy? Are they backed by a private enforcement organization such as TRUSTe or BBBOnline? Know and understand the return policies, the company's contact information or warranties. Use your credit card to order to take advantage of their liability agreements. Look for the yellow padlock at the bottom of your Web browser to ensure the site is secure and keep your receipts, electronically or hard copy, to refer to later should issues develop.

Use these tips to go forth and have a wonderful holiday season!