



Christmas Crime Prevention Message 5

Many people will do the majority of their Christmas shopping online, so here are a few things to remember.

- ❖ Make sure you check the web address. Criminals can create fake website that have a similar look to the genuine site. Check the web address spelling of the alleged company name.
- ❖ Check that the webpage is secure and has a locked padlock symbol at the top of the page. The web address should start with **https**, which means it is secure.
- ❖ Don't pay for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person you are sending money too.
- ❖ The majority of reported frauds occur on online auction sites.
- ❖ If you're selling anything online don't include any photographs that can identify your location. Giving too much information may result in your garage or home being burgled. When arranging to meet your buyer try and meet in a neutral location and try to have someone with you.