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With the holidays approaching, the Burlington Police Department would like to encourage neighbors to consider some tips and alternatives when shopping this holiday season.

When it comes to online shopping:

- Make sure to check your devices when making purchases. Utilizing software updates, strong passwords, and updating settings can help provide protection against vulnerabilities.
- Visit and browse trusted sources. Review and verify vendors before providing information or clicking links/downloading attachments.
- Use safe methods when making payments. When possible, use credit cards and review bank statements for any suspicious charges.

Take preventative measures when selecting delivery options:

- Set up notifications to track packages.
- Require a signature on delivery.
- Use alternative shipping methods such as placing shipments on hold and picking up at the post office.

Please visit the following websites for additional information and resources:

- Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency | Holiday Online Safety
https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Holiday%20Online%20Safety_tips%20sheets_2020-v5-DW_508%20pobs.pdf
- United States Postal Inspection Service | Holiday Readiness
<https://www.uspis.gov/holiday-readiness>
https://www.uspis.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Holiday-Tips_16NOV20.pdf
- United States Postal Service
<https://www.usps.com/>

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