

Protecting Our Children

Shop Safely

(NAPSA)—When heading out to the stores for holiday shopping, it's important to add something to your list: keeping an eye on the kids. Oftentimes, with children in tow, parents can become distracted amid the chaos of holiday crowds. Malls are filled to capacity, stores are packed and kids can get separated from parents in a matter of moments.

Here are three tips to keep kids safe at the mall:



When shopping with your children, it's important to know what to do if you get separated.

- **Keep your children in sight.** If children wander even a few feet from you, they can easily disappear into a crowd.

- **Establish a plan.** Before heading out, talk to your children about what steps they should take if they become separated from you. The OnGuard Kids Personal Safety Alert System (www.onguardkids.com) is a wristwatch with a built-in, 110-decibel alarm that children can activate if they become lost or the victim of an attempted abduction. It's available at Toys "R" Us and select Target stores.

- **Supply identification.** Prior to leaving the house, tuck your address, home and cell phone numbers inside your children's pocket.