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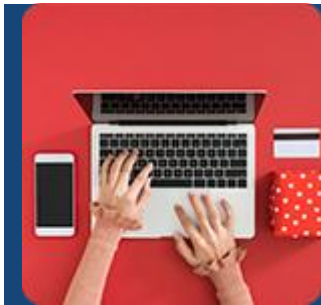
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December 2021 Newsletter Topics



Holiday Shopping Online:

Shopping online can be hugely convenient, but you want to be sure that sharing your financial and personal data online is safe. Before you click “Place Order,” follow these tips on how to keep your data secure and save money as you shop.



Holiday Travel:

Whether it is visiting with friends and family or taking a special trip to an exotic location, holiday travel is often the highlight of the year for many consumers. Here are some recommendations to help keep your holiday travel a jolly experience.



Holiday Giving:

Many charitable organizations will be reaching out and following up with donors during the end-of-year giving season. Keep these tips in mind before agreeing to donate.



Net Contents Sweep Completed Ahead of Holidays:

FDACS inspectors recently completed a “net contents” sweep to verify the accuracy of food package labeling as it pertains to net quantity. This sweep focused on food items typically found on a consumer's holiday table.



Crowdfunding Campaigns:

Crowdfunding can help raise money to develop a new product or invention. Unfortunately, scammers could be behind those crowdfunding efforts and take your money without delivering what they promise. Check out these tips before you pledge funds to any crowdfunding campaign.

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