

## **HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS**

### **IDENTITY THEFT**

- Know whom you're dealing with. In any electronic transaction, independently confirm the other party's name, street address, and telephone number.
- Resist the urge to enter foreign lotteries. These solicitations are phony and illegal.
- Delete requests that claim to be from foreign nationals asking you to help transfer their money through your bank account. They are fraudulent.
- Ignore unsolicited emails that request your money, credit card or account numbers, or other personal information.
- If you are selling something over the Internet, don't accept a potential buyer's offer to send you a check for more than the purchase price, no matter how tempting the plea or convincing the story.
- Protect your personal information. Share credit card or other personal information only when you're buying from a company you know and trust.
- Don't do business with any company that won't provide its name, street address, and telephone number.
- Don't routinely carry your social security card or other cards and documents that display your SSN. Keep your passwords safe and secure. Use security software that updates automatically.