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Ten Tips for Smarter Shopping During the Holiday Season

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Good advice for downtown Chicago holiday shoppers. How to be safe and efficient during the bus

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Well, it is definitely that time of year again, the time of year when we are all being forced

Instead, we are going to take the "Smarter Shopper Holiday Pledge" (for printing and sharing).

"Smarter Shopper Holiday Pledge"

I, (insert your name here), pledge to adhere to the ten holiday shopping tips outlined below.

1. I will use cash.

Using cash makes it easier to stay within the budget. I don't even mean using your debit card

2. I will keep track of my credit card spending.

Ok, if you absolutely must use a credit card, use the one with the lowest interest and know ho

3. I will be patient.

There's nothing like waiting in a long check out line and have to endure price check after pri

4. I will start shopping early in the season and get it out of the way.

I've never understood why people wait until the very last minute to do their holiday shopping

5. I will give less expensive but creative gifts instead.

Now, I'm not necessarily suggesting arts and crafts here unless of course that's what you want

6. I will have a game plan.

In order to get those must have items or those hard to find popular items, you have to create

7. I will shop safely.

Safer is better. Watch your personal belongings at all times including handbags, purchases, an

8. I will get enough rest.

There's nothing like going out during the holiday shopping season and running out of steam. An

9. I will not forget the bargains at the outlet malls.

If you are in downtown Chicago and looking for a change, one of the outlet malls for holiday b

10. I will attempt to avoid the crowds at all costs.

Shopping earlier during the day or first thing Saturday morning will help avoid some of the cr

Note: You, could of course, just do your shopping online but then that takes all of the "fun"

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