



PURSE SNATCH PREVENTION TIPS

Purse snatch (robbery) can occur anywhere at anytime.

For Your Protection

- Never place a purse strap around your neck or wrap it around your wrist; forcible removal could result in serious personal injury.
- Look confident and always be aware of your immediate surroundings.
- Carry key chains separate from your purse-you will still be able to get into your car or home if you are robbed.
- Consider using a fanny pack or waist pouch instead of a purse when traveling unknown places.

When Traveling In Your Vehicle

- Place your purse under the seat or secure it in the trunk.
- Park in a well-lit attended area if possible.
- Completely close and lock all windows and doors.
- Never label your keys with your name and address...this is an invitation for thieves to identify and rob your home.

When In Public

- When in a restaurant or other public area, do not leave your purse draped over the back of your chair.
- When shopping, do not leave your purse unattended in the change room or shopping cart.
- When at work, do not leave your purse in plain view, lock it a drawer or cabinet.

If You Become a Victim

- Release the purse - do not risk personal injury.
- Scream and yell - attracting attention may scare off a would-be attacker.
- Make a mental note - i.e. height, weight, hair colour/style, clothing, etc.
- Call 9.1.1. immediately - report the incident to the Police as soon as possible.

- Notify your financial institutions - advise your banks and/or credit companies of stolen credit cards, ATM cards or cheques.
- Notify Government agencies - advise government agencies of your stolen documents such as: Social Insurance Card, Birth Certificate, Driver's Licence, Health Card and Passport.

Remember: Simple precautions can reduce the risk of crime, but even the most alert and cautious person can still end up a victim. If you do become a victim of crime, call the police immediately. The sooner you report the crime, the better.