



**CRIME
PREVENTION**

Street Smarts

Crime Prevention Tips

Enjoy yourself when shopping, dining, dancing or attending the theater, but don't lose sight of your valuables. Use common sense and always walk with confidence.

Be alert for pickpockets. They work alone and in pairs. When they work in teams, one person will attempt to create a distraction, while the other one "accidentally" bumps into the target and swiftly steals a wallet or purse.

Whether you're shopping, at the movies or at a restaurant, don't place your purse, wallet, cell phone, shopping bags, backpack or other valuables on the seat next to you, on the floor or hanging from the back of your chair.

If you carry a handbag, wear the strap across your shoulder with the clasp facing inward. If someone grabs your bag, let it go. Nothing is more valuable than your safety and well-being.

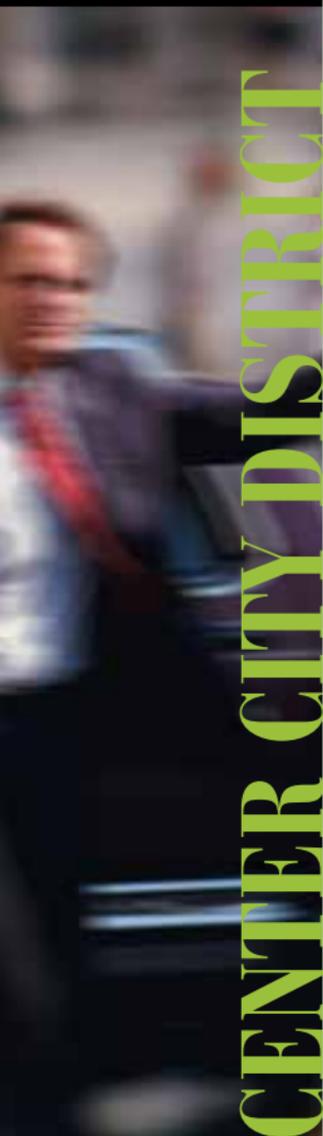
Wallets should be kept in your front pants pocket or the inside pocket of your coat. By placing your wallet into your pocket sideways, you'll be a tougher target for a thief.

Don't wear headphones on the street or on public transportation. Don't block out the world around you — always be alert.

If you are using public transportation don't flash your cash. Have your money, pass or ticket ready. Try to use the main entrances or well-lit transit stops. Plan ahead and learn the schedules. Sit close to the driver or conductor, and keep an eye on your belongings.

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When using an automated teller machine (ATM), seek one that is well-lit and well-used. Be aware of your surroundings before you approach the machine.

Shield your PIN and the amount of cash that you withdraw. Take your card and receipt. Don't discard your receipt because it has valuable information on it.

Carry only as much cash or credit cards as you need. Keep cash to a minimum and use travelers checks or credit cards when possible.

Try not to buy more than you can easily handle — you don't want to struggle with your bags. Politely decline offers by strangers to carry your bags or share "found" money with you. Always secure your packages in your car trunk instead of on the back seat where they are visible to a potential thief.

Don't give money to panhandlers. Contribute money to charitable service providers rather than individuals on the street. This way you know your money is being used constructively for those who need help. If the person becomes aggressive, notify the police or a Center City District Community Service Representative immediately.

For more information, contact Center City District's Crime Prevention Services at 215.440.5500.

