

Property Theft.

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY UNATTENDED

What Can I Do?

Purse



Carry your purse close to your body.
Never wrap the strap around your body.

Headsets



White headsets are a dead giveaway.
Protect your musical device by keeping it out of sight.

Wallets



Never Carry your wallet in the rear pants pocket which is one of the easiest to pick.

Car Items



Place items out of sight in the trunk of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination. Never leave packages in the vehicle.

Distractions



Be wary of distractions. Sometimes one perp diverts your attention while another picks your pocket or steals your belongings.

Laptops



Don't leave laptop computers unattended -- even for a minute.

Instincts



Follow your instincts. Remember, "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is."

Report It.

Immediately report a theft or suspicious activity to the NYPD by calling 911.

Cell Phones



Hold on to your cell phone and keep it secured out of sight when not in use.

Cash & Cards



Carry only the amount of cash or number of credit cards necessary to make your purchases for the day.

Handbags



When in a bar or restaurant, don't leave your handbag over the back of your chair, on a stool or on the floor.

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Vehicle Theft.

Safeguard your vehicle..

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, including theft for parts, insurance fraud, retagging, exporting, and joy riding. To help prevent the theft and damage to your vehicle, we suggest the following:

What Can I Do?



Report It.

Contact your local precinct crime prevention officer or visit our website at www.nyc.gov/nypd for more information on the programs we offer.



Lock

Always lock and secure your vehicle. Always activate your alarm every time you leave your vehicle. Consider locking lug nuts to deter rim theft.



Keys

Never leave the keys in the ignition when you exit the vehicle -- even for a minute!



Property

Never leave property in your vehicle. Items such as loose change, shopping bags, GPS, cell phones, laptops, tablets and the charging chords are targeted by thieves.



Parking

Park in high traffic or well lit areas, when possible.



Enroll

Enroll in NYPD anti-theft programs such as VIN Etching, Operation ID and Combat Auto Theft.

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Green Dot Card Scam.

The Scam.

People are losing thousands of dollars in a phone scam involving Green Dot MoneyPak cards. After receiving a call from someone who claims to be collecting a debt from either a Utility Company, the IRS or as settlement for an auto accident; people are being threatened with the loss of their heat, electric, possible deportation or criminal prosecution. Three typical scenarios:

- IRS Scam** -- A caller informs the victim that they owe back taxes to the IRS and must make immediate payment with a Green Dot Money-Pak.
- Accident Scam** -- The victim's family member had a car accident and the caller threatens physical violence unless immediate reimbursement is made with a Green Dot Money-Pak.
- Utility Scam** -- Utility companies demand immediate payment by Green Dot Money-Pak or your electricity or gas will be turned off.

What Can I Do?



Caution

Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason.



Information

Never give out personal or financial information to anyone who emails or calls you unsolicited.



Know Them

Never wire money, provide debit or credit card numbers or Green Dot Money-Pak card numbers to someone you do not know.



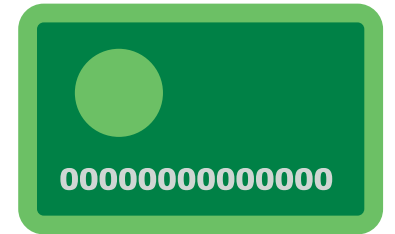
Know This

Utility companies and government agencies will not contact you demanding immediate payment by Money-Pak.



Report It.

If you can not verify the I.D., feel unsafe, or suspect criminal activity, call 911 immediately.



Remember

Remember that anyone who has the number on a Green Dot Money-Pak card has access to the funds on the card.

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ATM Skimming.

The Scam.

ATM "Skimming" occurs when a criminal attaches a phony card reading device over the real card reader located either at the lobby entrance door or on the ATM machine, the phony device looks identical to the real device and is equipped with electronic recorders that will capture the financial information from your card. This data is later used to create "cloned" cards which will later be used to withdraw money.

What Can I Do?



Before Using

Give the card reader a tug. See if it feels loose or out of place. Inspect the ATM, gas pump, or credit card reader before using it. Be suspicious if you see anything loose, crooked or damaged, or if you notice scratches or adhesive tape/residue.

Be Aware



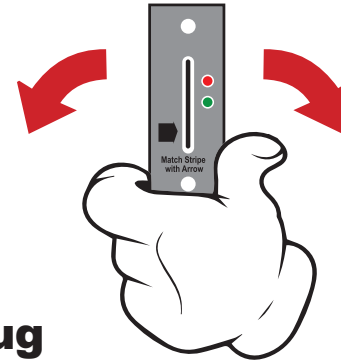
Be careful of ATMs in tourist areas - they are a popular target of skimmers

Protection



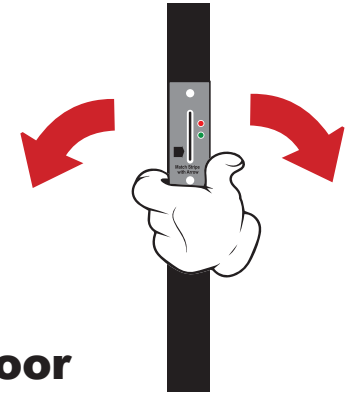
When entering your PIN, cover the keypad with your other hand to prevent possible hidden cameras from recording your number.

Tug



These devices are usually attached with two sided tape and can be discovered by simply tugging on areas where the card must be swiped.

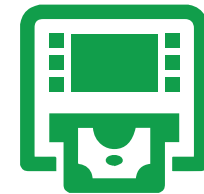
Door



Skimming device can also be affixed to the card reader at the entrance door to the ATM.

Money Trap

Be aware of "Money Trapping", where the criminal attaches a device to the cash dispenser "trapping" the customer's money and retrieves it after the customer leaves the ATM area.



Report It.

Immediately report any skimming devices to your financial institution and the NYPD by calling 911.



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Deception Burglaries.

The Scam.

Criminals often target elderly victims, and operate during normal business hours (9am-5pm), making them less likely to question the situation. These impersonators use false covers such as; utility companies, delivery companies, and companies such as plumbing or electrical contractors. A common ploy being used is; “A pipe broke down the block and we have to check the water.” Once inside, the perpetrator(s) manipulate and distract a victim while pocketing their valuables.

What Can I Do?



Safety

Stay inside your home and do not open the door. Do not invite anyone into your home while you verify a “work order.” You may want to keep a list of utility companies phone numbers in a convenient location



Request I.D.

Verify his/her I.D. through the view finder (peephole).



Contact

Contact the company to verify employee’s legitimacy (company numbers may be looked up via internet or on your bill). You may want to keep a list of utility company phone numbers in a convenient location.

CON ED:	800.752.6633
NATIONAL GRID (KEYSPAN):	800.930.5003
DEP/WATER:	311
PSEG LI:	800.490.0025



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Walking.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?



People

Use well-populated and well-lit streets.



Open Stores

If you suspect you're being followed, stay away from deserted blocks and head for an area where there are people or to the nearest open store.



Escort

If you're driven home, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside.



Evade or Yell

Should a motorist bother you while you are walking, reverse your direction. If you are still followed, seek a safe location and yell for help, if possible.



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Driving.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?



Trunk

Keep valuables secured in the trunk, not lying on the seat next to you.



Gas Tank

Keep your car well maintained and the gas tank at least half full to avoid getting stranded.



Purse

Put your purse on the floor of your car.



Vision Zero

Drive carefully - Help us achieve our Vision Zero goal of no vehicle related deaths



Evade

Should you suspect that you are being followed, make several turns down active streets.

If the vehicle continues to follow, head for the nearest police station, fire house, or open store.

Parking.

TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY SAFETY

What Can I Do?



Park

Park in a well-lit area to discourage a personal attack and reduce the risk of your car being stolen.



Close

Close all windows and lock the doors.



Look

Look around before exiting your car.



Take

Take any valuables with you.

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Purse/Wallet.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?



Grip

Carry purses or briefcases in a manner that will allow you to let go.



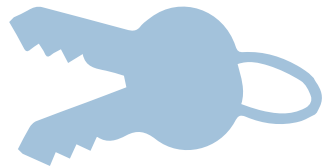
Release

If someone attempts to snatch your pocket book, let go of it, especially if there is a weapon involved.



Long Strap

If there is a long strap, wrap it around the bag.



Keys

Carry your keys on your person separate from your identification.



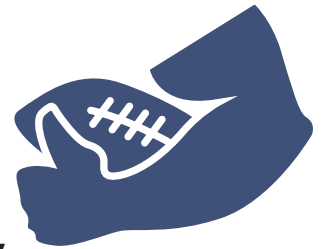
Purse

Be particularly aware of your purse/wallet in crowded situations, such as rush-hour trains and buses.



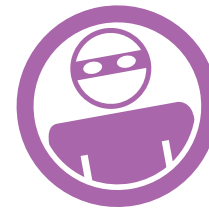
Straps

Straps placed across your shoulder, around your neck or wrapped around your waist have caused injuries because women could not free themselves during a purse snatch.



Carry

Always be aware of your surroundings and carry your pocketbook clasp toward you, close to your body, tucked in the bend of your elbow as if it were a football.



Bumps

If you are jostled in a crowd, be aware that a pickpocket might be responsible.



Cash & Cards

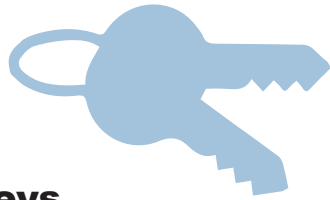
Divide money between your purse/wallet and pockets.

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Home.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?



Keys

Have your keys ready before you get to the door.



Mailbox

Place your name on the inside of the mailbox where only the mail carrier will see it. If a name must be on the outside, use only the last name, e.g., the Smiths.



Entrance

Make sure your entrance area is well lit.



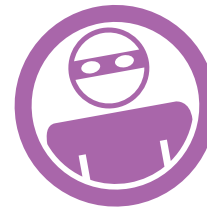
Vacate

Should you arrive home and find signs of a burglary, STAY OUT.



Lobby Door

If you live in an apartment, close the lobby door behind you, especially if a stranger is approaching.



Strangers

If a stranger asks to use the phone, keep your door locked and tell them you will place the call for them. Keep him/her out of your home.



Visitors

Make all visitors and delivery persons use the doorbell.



Call 911

If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1. Call from a pay phone or a neighbor's house. Wait there for the police to arrive

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Elevator.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?



Waiting

When waiting for an elevator, leave the lobby/hallway if someone makes you feel uncomfortable.



Forgot

If you feel the need to give an excuse, you can say, "Oh, I forgot my mail."



Mirror

Check the elevator's mirror before entering.



Buttons

If accosted, press as many buttons as possible to try and get the elevator to stop at the next floor.



Exit

Exit the elevator if someone enters that makes you feel uneasy.



Location

Stand between the control panel and door when in the elevator.



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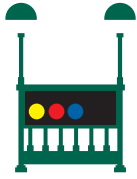
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Subway and Bus.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?

Entrance



Use only entrances marked by a green indicator, where there is a clerk present 24 hours a day.

Sit



Sit in the center of the car, away from the door, to avoid a purse or chain snatch.

Sidewalk



Wait for the bus on the sidewalk away from the curb.



Ready

Have your money or metro card available.



Jewelry

Cover jewelry; turn stone rings toward the palm side of your hand.

Off Hour Waiting Area

Wait

Use designated waiting areas during off-peak hours.



Awake

Stay awake and aware and exit with the crowd.



Sit in Front

Sit near the front of the bus.

1234



Ride

Ride in the conductor's car during off-peak hours.

Walk



Wait and walk close to the wall.



Stay Alert

Be aware of your wallet/purse to avoid a pickpocket

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ATM.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

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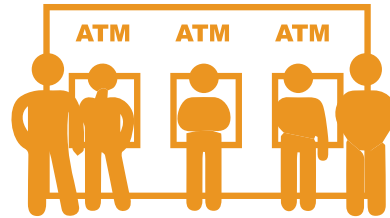
Be Aware

Be aware of suspicious people near the entrance.



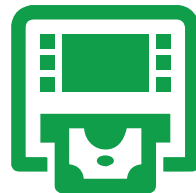
Mirrors

Use mirrors, positioned at the ATM, to see behind you.



People

Use well-lit, well-populated ATM's.



Money

Put your money away and take your card and receipt before exiting an ATM.



Indoor

Avoid ATM's that have unlocked doors or are directly out on the street.



Card

Your card is exclusively for your entry only.



Report It.

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View

Block a bystander's view when doing your transaction.



Lock

Make sure the door closes behind you.

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Phones/Social Media.

TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

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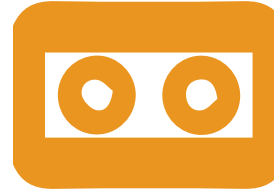
Stay Aware

When recording an outgoing message on your answering machine, avoid leaving your name, phone number or a message that you're not at home.



Register

Register your Smart Phones and Tablets FREE with the NYPD.



Message

A good message is, "We are unable to answer the phone, please leave a message."

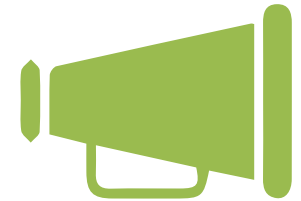


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Information

Don't post when you'll be away or on vacation in social media networks.



Confidence

Say your message confidently.

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