Never leave your personal property unattended.

What Can I Do?

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

**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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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.
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 cannot 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.
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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

Report It.
Immediately report a theft or suspicious activity to the NYPD by calling 911. If you can not verify the I.D., feel unsafe, or suspect criminal activity, call 911 immediately.
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.

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

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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?**

**Look**
Look around before exiting your car.

**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.

**Take**
Take any valuables with you.
**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 pocketbook, let go of it, especially if there is a weapon involved.

**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.

**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.

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

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

**Cash & Cards**
Divide money between your purse/wallet and pockets.

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

**Keys**
Carry your keys on your person separate from your identification.
**TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY**

**What Can I Do?**

**Keys**
Have your keys ready before you get to the door.

**Entrance**
Make sure your entrance area is well lit.

**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.

**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.
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.

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

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

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

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.

Report It.
Immediately report a theft or suspicious activity to the NYPD by calling 911.
TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

Subway and Bus.

What Can I Do?

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

Ready
Have your money or metro card available.

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

Walk
Wait and walk close to the wall.

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

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Stay Alert
Be aware of your wallet/purse to avoid a pickpocket.

Sit in Front
Sit near the front of the bus.

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

Off Hour Waiting Area
Use designated waiting areas during off-peak hours.

Stay Awake
Stay awake and aware and exit with the crowd.

Wait
Use designated waiting areas during off-peak hours.

 alphabetical order

Sidewalk
Wait for the bus on the sidewalk away from the curb.
ATM. TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?

Be Aware
Be aware of suspicious people near the entrance.

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

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

Card
Your card is exclusively for your entry only.

Lock
Make sure the door closes behind you.

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

View
Block a bystander's view when doing your transaction.

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

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

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Phones/Social Media.
TIPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

What Can I Do?

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.

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

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

Confidence
Say your message confidently.

Register
Register your Smart Phones and Tablets FREE with the NYPD.

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