

# Watch Out!

**Handbag dippers  
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## Handbag dipping,

where offenders remove purses from handbags left unzipped or unattended, is the most common type of purse theft.

Bank cards are often stolen and used by offenders very quickly, often even before the victim realises their purse or wallet has been taken.

- Ensure your bag is zipped/closed and the opening is close to your body.
- Do not leave your bag on a shopping trolley or buggy.
- Consider attaching a bell (cat bell) or similar so your purse/wallet makes a noise when it is removed from your bag.
- Be aware of other people who appear uncomfortably close to you or bump into you.
- Be aware of distraction techniques that offenders may use to move your attention away from your belongings.
- Try to make sure no-one can see you enter your PIN at the checkout.



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