



## Don't make it easy for Criminals.

Dear residents,

**Don't make it easy for criminals whilst shopping in 2024 – keep your belongings safe.**

**Keep yourself and your belongings safe with these simple tips:**

: Keep your personal items close to your body and keep your bag zipped, with no valuables on display.

: Spread your valuables by storing different items in different pockets.

: Never leave personal items unattended, or on seats in public places such as the theatre, pubs, or buses.

: Need to spend a penny? Don't leave your handbag near the edge of the cubicle – thieves could snatch it from the outside.

: Be mindful of your surroundings when using your mobile phone and if you are keeping it in a pocket, make sure it's not visible.

: Consider installing a tracker app to your phone, these can help you be reunited with it if it gets lost or stolen.

: Stay alert and remember headphones can distract you from being aware of someone approaching.

: Be mindful of distractions - thieves working in pairs may try to divert your attention to steal belongings.