

# Snatch theft

A moment's carelessness can result in grave consequences.



## To avoid being involved

- Hold your bag or valuable items tightly on the side of your body opposite to the flow of traffic.
- Don't put your bag in the rear bicycle basket. If you put your bag in the front bicycle basket, cover it with a net designed specifically for theft prevention, or at least with a garment while ensuring that neither the handle nor any other part of the bag is visible.
- Avoid deserted or dark streets.
- Be alert to what is happening around you, and don't respond too eagerly to anyone who speaks to you with seeming kindness.
- Take a mobile security alarm or other security device with you whenever going out.



- Don't use a mobile phone while walking: doing so can distract your attention.
- Be especially cautious after withdrawing cash from an ATM or financial institution.
- Be aware that a brand-name bag itself can be the target of theft.



## If you are involved

- Yell at once to let people around you know that you have had your belongings stolen.
- A thief will take a moment's opportunity to snatch your bag by force. Be careful not to be dragged with the bag or to fall to the ground.
- Try to remember the features of the thief/thieves, such as the number of individuals, what he/they wore, and the plate number and color of the vehicle (motorcycle).
- Immediately dial the police on 110 and notify them of any information about the thief/thieves, such as the number of individuals, what he/they wore, to which direction he/they fled, and the plate number and color of the vehicle.



## What to do afterwards

- If you are injured due to the theft and need medical treatment, notify the police before seeing a doctor whenever possible.
- If a medical certificate is necessary for the purpose of investigation, follow the instructions of the police to have your medical certificate issued. (The issuing cost of a medical certificate can be covered publicly.)
- If you have your bank passbook, cash card, credit card or the like stolen, immediately contact the relevant financial institution or credit card company as appropriate, and complete procedures necessary to prevent fraudulent use.



**Be assured that the personal information of the victim and witness who have reported the incident to the police will be kept in strict secrecy. As well, your privacy will be strictly guarded when you consult with or seek support from relevant organizations.**

# Pick pocketing and luggage theft

Be cautious! Your belongings are being targeted by thieves.



## To avoid being involved



### Measures to deter pick pockets

- Make sure your wallet and other valuable items are not visible from outside.
- Close and hold your bag tightly.
- Don't put your wallet in the rear pocket of your trousers.
- Use special caution when taking out your wallet from your bag and putting it in the bag.

### Measures to prevent luggage theft

- Always keep your luggage within eyesight and put your hand on it whenever possible.
- Make sure nobody can see where your wallet is kept.
- Hold your bag tightly. If a lot of money and/or valuable items are in it, attach a mobile security alarm to the bag.



## If you are involved

- Yell "DOROBO (Thief)!" immediately to let people around you know that you have been robbed. However, don't attempt to resist the thief, as doing so can result in physical injury. Use sufficient caution and call for help.
- Try to remember the features of the thief. You can snap a photo of the thief with your mobile phone.
- Immediately dial the police on 110 and notify them of any information about the thief/thieves, such as the number of thieves, to which direction he/they fled, and the plate number and color of the vehicle.



## What to do afterwards

- Even if you are unaware of the theft upon its occurrence, report the incident to the police as soon as you become aware of it.
- If you have your bank passbook, cash card, credit card or the like stolen, immediately contact the relevant financial institution or credit card company as appropriate, and complete procedures necessary to prevent fraudulent use.

