



Robbery

There are basically two types of robbery, strong-armed and armed. Strong-armed is committed by brute force when the robber or robbers use sheer strength to overpower their victims. Armed robbery is when the robber uses a weapon while committing his/her crime. Both are felonies and those who commit armed robbery face more severe punishments.

Purse Snatching

One of the most frequent robberies that affect our elders is purse snatching. Every female who carries a purse is a potential target for purse snatching and seniors make excellent victims since they are not as likely to be able to defend themselves.

Purse snatching can easily be eliminated by not becoming an easy target. Never carry a large purse that dangles from your body. Instead, use a small clutch-type wallet that you can easily hold in your hand or better yet, placed in a pocket.



Minimize your risk

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid traveling alone. Whenever possible, shop or travel with another person.
- Credit cards, cash, driver's license, keys and jewelry should be carried in a coat or sweater pocket, or concealed on your person to reduce the opportunity of large losses.
- Keep your keychain in your pocket – not in your purse.
- Never carry a shoulder purse over your shoulder. Doing this makes it much easier for someone to grab your purse possibly causing you to fall and become injured.
- Never carry an entire checkbook with you. Only take the checks you plan to use during your outing.
- Never carry anything more valuable than you can afford to lose.
- Never carry large sums of money or valuable jewelry.
- Never carry multiple credit or check cards with you.
- Never leave your purse in a shopping cart or on store counter tops.
- Never let your purse hang from your body.
- Use a small clutch-type handbag.



Crime Areas

Bus stops, grocery stores and parking lots are prime areas for purse snatchings.

Self Defense

Carrying a whistle is recommended but may also consider carrying pepper spray or mace spray on your keychain. Never carry a dangerous weapon.

What do to if victimized?

Immediately call the police. Try to remember as much detail about the attacker as possible.