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PREVENT ROBBERIES – SAFETY HINTS

THE FOLLOWING HINTS CAN ASSIST WITH PREVENTING IN BECOMING A VICTIM OF ROBBERIES:

- Be crime conscious – be aware of crime opportunities at all times
- If you are waiting to be collected, avoid waiting outside. Always try to wait inside a building if possible.
- Carry your bag around your neck and diagonally across your body keeping it in front of you. Don't carry it hanging over one shoulder.
- Put your wallet in an inside coat pocket or your front pocket of your pants – not in an inside coat pocket of your pants – not in the back pocket.
- Try to walk in well light busy streets and if possible walk in a group.
- If you know or suspect that a pedestrian is following you, go to the nearest busy area and immediately contact the Police.
- If a vehicle follows you – never try to outrun it. Turn and walk in the opposite direction and react by shouting – to get the attention of others.
- Carry change or a phone card for emergency calls.
- Hide your cell phone and don't walk around talking on it – as it will distract you from what is going on around you – and you will become an easy target.
- Avoid taking short cuts through desert areas such as parks, empty areas and passages.
- Avoid carrying large amount of cash, laptops and cameras in public areas.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewellery in public places – you will become an easy target.
- Avoid going out unnecessarily after hours – especially on foot.
- Be aware of remote jamming devices – double check that your vehicle is locked at all times.