

Parking Lots

- Park in well-lit and busy areas, particularly at night or if you expect to return to your car after dark. Have your keys ready to enter your car and lock all doors once you've entered.

Handbags

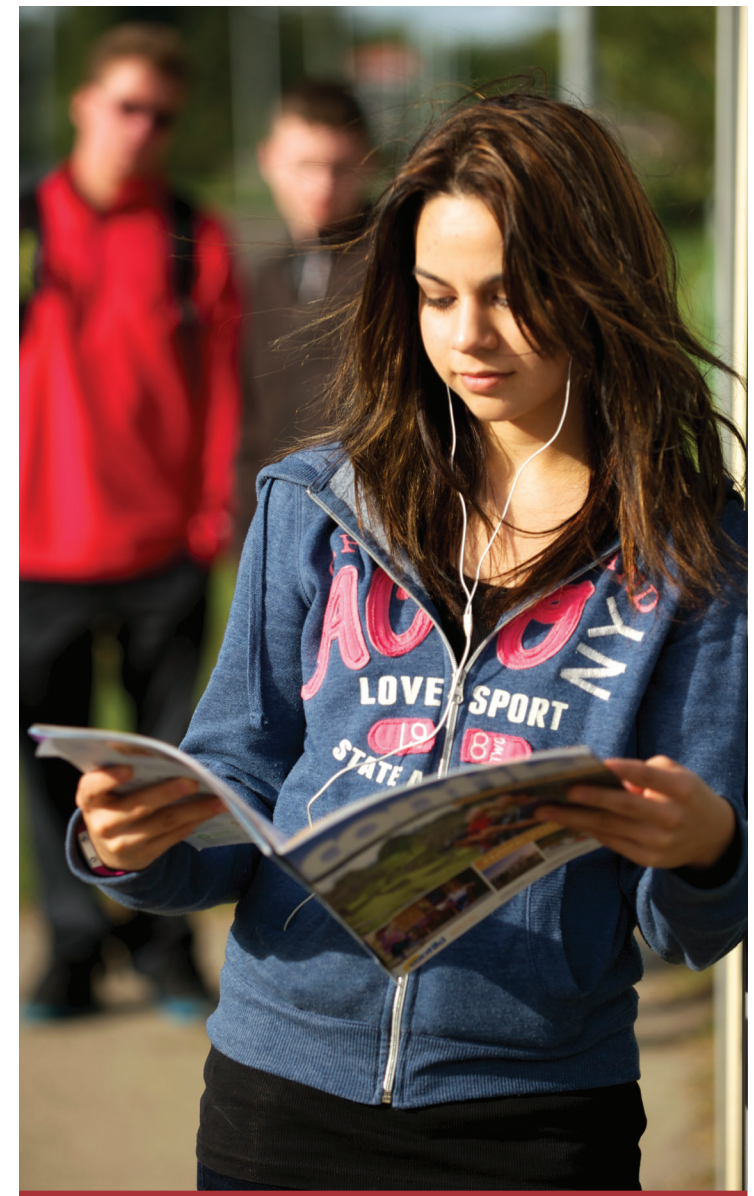
- Keep your handbag in front of your body; avoid dangling it by your side from your hand or shoulder.
- Be aware of people approaching you from behind – even motorbikes and cars.
- Always keep your bag with you. Never leave your bag on a shopping cart or at your feet or on the hook of the door in a public washroom.
- When you put money in your handbag, don't let people see where you put it – especially when you are using an ATM.
- When packing groceries into your car, never leave your handbag on the trunk or car roof. Thieves are watching and can easily grab your property.
- Keep your handbag fully zipped and not open.

Always

- Use caution when using elevators, isolated stairways, or washroom areas. Don't place yourself at risk.
- Remain alert. Use your peripheral vision. Wearing headphones may decrease your awareness.
- If approached, maintain a comfortable distance while you answer questions or give directions. Never turn your back on someone who has approached you.
- Avoid using ATMs in dark or isolated places.

Contact the Edmonton Police Service

- For non-emergency crime, call **780-423-4567** or **#377** from a mobile phone.
- Property crimes can be reported at www.edmontonpolice.ca/reportacrimeonline
- Call **911** for a life-threatening emergency or a crime in progress.



PERSONAL ROBBERY

**Think... crime prevention
If you don't get it, they will.**

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EPS is asking you to be aware of the risks and take the following precautions

Robberies are driven by opportunity. The more vulnerable you appear, the more likely you will be robbed. Don't be an easy target – learn how to protect yourself!

Robbery offenders are often found to be addicted or dependent on drugs and are committing these crimes to get money to buy drugs. They can be desperate and unpredictable.

If you are approached by somebody who wants something from you and produces a weapon, by all means, let go of what you have. Your life is far more important.

However, there are several things that citizens can do to protect themselves and be less of a target for thieves.

Bus/Transit Locations

- If you're using transit, stand or ride near others – do not isolate yourself.
- If you're carrying small personal electronics, like an iPod, conceal it under your clothes. These are targets for would-be thieves who can easily sell or exchange the device for drugs.



Walking/Jogging

- Plan the safest route to your destination and use it. Stick to the main roads as much as possible.
- Never hitchhike!
- Avoid walking alone. Walk/run with others and use main roads.

- At night, take routes that are well-lit and have other people in the area.
- If you are going out late, try and arrange a ride home from a friend or a taxi, or stay over with friends. Get dropped off as close to your front door as possible.
- Only wear one earbud in order to hear other sounds/people around you.