

SAFETY TIPS

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PASSENGERS & GUESTS

HAVE THE EXACT FARE READY when boarding the bus or train. Displaying only the amount required reduces your chances of becoming a theft victim.

DURING LATE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING, stay near the agent on duty in subways until you hear the train coming.

REMAIN IN A WELL LIT AREA and observe the behavior of those around you. If you feel uneasy or threatened, change your seat or alert the conductor or driver.

"CALL BACKS" ARE A GOOD IDEA! Advise a family member, friend or co-worker of your travel route – example: *"I'll call you at 2 a.m. to let you know I'm home safely."* Don't take alternative routes, use a well lit, heavily traveled streets with good visibility.

NOISY PASSENGERS ARGUING or causing a commotion could be staged to distract you while your pocket is picked.

IF SUSPICIOUS PERSONS ARE hanging around the station, platform or ticket booth, **CALL THE POLICE!**

AVOID DISPLAYING EXPENSIVE looking watches, rings and necklaces. **DON'T** invite trouble. Whenever possible,

remove or cover up chains and rings, or turn rings around so that the stone can't be seen.

LADIES SHOULD CARRY HANDBAGS THAT CLOSE TIGHTLY. Carry it securely, in front of you where you can see it – NOT dangling off your shoulder. Consider using a zippered bag affixed around your waist.

KEEP WALLETS ON THE INSIDE coat pocket or side pants pocket – never in your back pants pocket.

MINIMIZE THE CHANGES OF LOSING property to a pickpocket by avoiding crowds or crowding up at bus and subway car doors when entering or exiting.

JOSTLED? BE AWARE – A PICPOCKET may be responsible.

IF YOUR POCKET HAS BEEN PICKED, call out immediately to warn the driver or conductor and everyone else that there is a pickpocket on board.

CHAIN GRABBERS, PURSE SNATCHERS AND PICKPOCKETS CANNOT BE STOPPED UNLESS THE CRIME IS REPORTED. CALL 9-1-1 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

