



Protect yourself from robbery

Northamptonshire Police is committed to making this county as safe a place to live as possible.

In an ideal world, we would not have to issue crime prevention advice, however unfortunately, there are people out there who would look to steal personal belongings in a robbery.

Please read the information on this leaflet as it will give you guidance on how to stay safe and give you the best chance of not becoming a victim of this type of crime.

If you are robbed, as well speaking to the police, please access support from Voice – a charity which helps victims of crime. Don't underestimate how you feel. Being robbed is a horrible experience and these services exist to help and support.

Voice Northants | Voice for Victims & Witnesses www.voicenorthants.org

In an emergency call **999**
For non emergencies call **101**
www.northants.police.uk

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Look confident

- You are less likely to be targeted if you look confident. Move with purpose and try to be aware of your surroundings

Know where you're going

- Plan your route and think about what to take with you, especially if you're going somewhere you haven't been before
- Keep to busy, well-lit streets, walkways and paths which are more likely to be covered by CCTV
- Only take licensed taxis or minicabs booked by phone or a mobile phone app
- Walk with friends or take a taxi if you can

Hide it

- Keep your mobile phone and valuables out of sight. If you're using your phone it's more likely to be snatched from your hand as you're not paying attention to your surroundings, so look around you
- Never leave a mobile phone, any other device, wallet or purse on the table of a café, pub or restaurant, and don't hang your handbag on the back of a chair
- High value jewellery could be a target, so keep it covered when walking down the street

When out and about

- If you think you are being followed, cross the road, head for a shop or busy place and call the police
- If an offender demands your bag or tries to grab it, throw it away from them to create some space, then run away
- Remember – belongings can be replaced, you can't

What to do if you're a victim of crime

- Always report it to the police – we may be able to recover your possessions and stop the offender from attacking someone else
- Call your bank and credit company as soon as possible to get any cards cancelled



Download the street safe app and visit the website for more information <https://www.police.uk/streetsafe>

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