

### Tips to prevent theft:

- Take only amounts of money and valuables you really need with you.
- Carry any valuables as close to the body as possible. Inside pockets of jackets, front pockets of trousers, neck pouches or bumbags are all well-suited.
- Always carry handbags and shoulder bags with the fastener or zip towards your body.
- Always close your handbag or shoulder bag and never leave it unattended.
- Don't show large amounts of cash. Take special care when withdrawing money and afterwards.

#### More information:







(Pickpockets)

(Shell game)

(False police officers)

or: http://www.berlin.de/polizei/

In case of emergency or if you are in danger, immediately dial our free

### **Emergency number 110**

If you become a victim or witness of an offence:

- Loudly draw other people's attention to the perpetrator(s).
- Directly ask other people for help.
- Call the emergency number 110 and ask for help.
- Take care of the victim(s).
- Memorise any characteristics of the perpetrator(s).
- Agree to act as witness.

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## On the go in Berlin



# Information for your safety



### Beware of pickpockets!



Pickpockets usually work in teams: One person distracts the victim while another person uses the situation to steal and pass the stolen goods to a third person, who immediately leaves the scene.

You should **always** be extremely careful in the following situations:

- In crowds and throngs of people (e.g. big events, demonstrations, in department stores and shopping streets, or when boarding or alighting from public transport).
- When people come suspiciously close to you, e.g. bump into you, soil your clothes, obtrusively ask for donations or offer their help without being solicited.

### **Criminal collecting of donations**



Offenders with such lists do not collect donations for non-profit purposes. They use this trick to deceive or distract their victim in order to quickly take money from their open purse or to search their pockets.

- > Try to avoid such groups as far as possible.
- Carry on walking and don't stop.
- Don't let yourself be drawn into a conversation not via gestures either.
- Don't put your name on a list of donors and don't pay any money.

### **Attention: False police officers**

Confidence tricksters often operate in places with a lot of tourists: They pretend to be police officers and search their victims for drugs or counterfeit money. With this trick they steal money and credit cards without you noticing.

- Ask plain-clothes police officers for their warrant card and badge. You can find information on the official means of identification of Berlin Police here: https://www.berlin.de/polizei/verschiedenes/artikel.89925.php
- In case of doubt, call the emergency number 110.

### Shell game = foul play



Shell game tricksters are up to no good and seek their victims in busy streets. They lure people with an allegedly easy win in this game.

There is no chance of winning – you can only lose!