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Distraction thefts come in various forms, but they typically occur while victims are in parking lots or waiting in public areas. They are approached by offenders who will potentially use elaborate stories to request money in exchange for gold or jewelry, use fake gold or jewelry as collateral to borrow money, place fake jewelry on victims as a gift and, while being in close physical proximity, steal real jewelry the victim is wearing or some variation of these tactics.



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# TO PREVENT PERSONAL THEFT:

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Stay alert: be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded areas like markets, public transport or tourist attractions.



Secure your belongings: use bags with zippers or anti-theft features, and keep them in front of you rather than on your back. Avoid leaving valuables in back pockets.

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Avoid flashiness: refrain from openly displaying expensive items like jewelry, watches or gadgets.



Beware of strangers: be cautious when approached by strangers offering assistance, asking for help or creating a scene—they may be trying to divert your attention.

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Split your valuables: don't carry all your valuables in one place. Keep some cash and cards in separate pockets or pouches.



Distrust suspicious activities: if someone bumps into you, spills something on you or creates a distraction, check your belongings immediately.

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Secure technology: when using electronic devices like phones or laptops in public, maintain a firm grip, and avoid placing them on tables within arm's reach of others.



Keep bags closed: regularly check that your bags and pockets are securely closed, especially after someone bumps into you.

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Trust your instincts: if a situation or person feels off, prioritize your safety and move away.



Stay informed: familiarize yourself with local safety tips when travelling, as theft techniques can vary by region.

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Stolen property can be reported online, at any district office or by calling the non-emergency line.