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### Dear Reader

Going away on holiday soon? When you're travelling, having your luggage broken into or being pickpocketed can easily ruin your trip. **Read on to learn the small security measures you can put in place to avoid having this happen to you......** 

### **AVOID PICKPOCKETS!**

## LOCK UP YOUR LUGGAGE!



Can you imagine how terrible it would be to arrive at your destination only to discover that some of your belongings are missing? Luggage locks help to prevent this. This small security measure may dissuade criminals from breaking into your suitcases. There are two types of locks:

KEY LOCKS - these are locks with separate keys that travellers carry with them to later access the lock. An advantage to these locks is that travellers don't have the hassle of remembering a combination. A disadvantage is that you have to maintain control of the key. This leaves chances of losing the key or leaving it at home while travelling. If you choose this option don't forget to not leave the key in the lock with your baggage!!

A pickpocket's goal is the taking of someone else's wallet to obtain cash, credit cards, and identification in a few seconds without them even knowing it. And there's very little hope of getting any of it back. Pickpockets aim to blend in - they try not to act different or suspiciously, dress normally, and sometimes carry newspapers or jackets to cover their hands. It might seem like someone has just innocently bumped into you, but you've actually been robbed...

### Protect yourself from pickpockets by:

- making it hard to get to your valuables. Don't carry your wallet or passport in your back pocket because it's easy for a pickpocket to sneak up behind you. Front pockets are safer, but the best option is wearing a money belt under your clothes.
- carrying a decoy or "dummy" wallet in your pocket or purse so
  pickpockets never seek out your real wallet. Keep your cash,
  ATM card and passport in your money belt.
- dressing like a local. Don't wear anything that makes you stand out and look like a target! Leave your expensive jewellery at home - not only will it brand you as a tourist, but it will mark you as a wealthy, tempting victim.
- displaying a confident attitude. Act as though you know where you're going, even if you are lost. Pickpockets prey on insecure tourists, usually by distracting them and creating an atmosphere of confusion.
- reading up on tourist scams and find out where pickpockets work. Many guidebooks and travel websites provide information about pickpockets. Identify problem areas before you leave home and take extra steps to protect yourself when you travel through places famous for street crime.
- carrying back-up information. If the worst happens, it will be easier to replace passports, tickets and credit cards if you've

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### **COMBINATION LOCKS -**

these are locks with 2, 3, or 4 digit combinations that lock in place and won't open until the correct combination is entered. An advantage to this lock is that travellers need not worry about carrying around or losing a separate key. A disadvantage is that they have the worries of remembering the combination. If you choose this lock don't forget to scramble the numbers after you close the latch. If you forget to do this, the lock is not secure and anyone can simply pull and open it.

made copies of these documents. Leave a copy of your passport at home with a friend or relative and carry a copy with you. Bring a list of credit card contact numbers.

Preparing in advance, securing your valuables and keeping a clear head are the best ways to prevent pickpockets from targeting you.

Stash your cash, relax and enjoy your trip.

### PICKPOCKETS IN ACTION

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