

TOO BUSY TO BOTHER ABOUT YOUR HANDBAG?

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CAN YOU REALLY AFFORD THE LOSS?

Replacing stolen or lost personal documents, keys or cellphones is much more expensive than is commonly realised.

It is exceedingly time consuming to replace an ID document or a passport (up to eight months in fact!)

Unless you took trouble to keep a record of your cellphone's IMI and ITC numbers, you could be stymied by unreliable service providers. Without those numbers you cannot file any affidavit or open a SAPS docket – and without that your insurance won't pay out or replace anything!

LADIES! PLEASE ... :

- **DON'T** hang your handbag over the back of your chair in any public place like a restaurant;
- **DON'T** leave your handbag open or even partially open;
- **DON'T** carry all your valuables in the handbag. Rather keep a cellphone in a pocket, leave your ID at home and zip your money and credit cards in a safe pouch.
- **DON'T** wear expensive jewellery in places like shopping centres.
- **DON'T** let your car keys lie on a counter or table.
- **And DON'T** put your vehicle registration on the key ring!

DON'T DROP YOUR GUARD! STAY ALERT AND PLAY SAFE!

Lock your car. Whether you're in it or not, always to keep the doors locked and windows closed. Prowlers do get into cars at traffic lights or nab things out of unlocked cars.

Beware of parking garages. They are safer than open air parking lots or street parking, but can hide hijackers, rapists or bagsnatchers behind pillars or down stairwells.

Be aware of your surroundings. Create a habit of checking who is in nearby when walking in the street. Or when you get home at night. If there are unknown people lurking near your home, drive past but don't open your gates

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