



## Sight Seeing

New York City is considered to be the safest big city in the United States. The New York City Police Department wants each resident and visitor to have a safe and enjoyable time at all the attractions the City has to offer. There are however, some basic crime prevention tips which we all should be aware of. Consider the following:

### **Cash:**

- Do not carry large amounts of cash.
- When possible, carry cash substitutes such as traveler's checks or credit cards. Keep a written record of your traveler's checks and credit cards numbers, and keep them in a safe place. (You may want to e-mail them to yourself.)
- Never carry your wallet in your rear pants pocket.
- When carrying a purse, firmly grasp the top portion of the purse while shopping, waiting for or riding public transportation. Never leave it unattended or on the back of a chair.

### **Pickpockets:**

- Pickpockets usually work in teams of two or more people. They take their time, stalk their victims, and strike when the victims are most vulnerable. Always be aware of staged distractions. Pickpockets may drop something in front of you or cause a loud commotion near you. This is done in order to distract you. Once you are distracted another pickpocket will then steal your valuables and will walk away.
- If you are jostled, bumped, or crowded by anyone, consider that a pickpocket may be in action.
- Backpacks are big targets for thieves- in order to become a less likely target carry your backpack in the front of your body, secure zippers and do not put wallets in outer compartments.

### **Fraudulent Tickets/Music CD's:**

- Always be aware of counterfeit tickets. Purchase tickets to theater, sporting events, concerts, comedy shows, etc., from authorized providers. Never purchase tickets from someone on the street. Be aware of persons on the sidewalks offering a free music C.Ds.-they pose as artists and aggressively solicit donations.

**Property:**

- Do not leave your property unattended, not even for a brief moment, and beware of distractions. While waiting for a service or departing to another destination, keep all of your property in view at all times.