

**CRIME PREVENTION
TIP OF THE MONTH**

SEPTEMBER

PROTECT YOUR WALLET AND PURSE

Everyday purses and wallets are being reported as lost, stolen, picked. Here are some ways that you can protect your belongings.

1. Keep purses and/ or wallets closed when not in use and do not display credit cards or rolls of money when paying for something.
2. Carry your purse under your arm and gripped securely in one hand.
NEVER CARRY BY THE SHOULDER STRAP.
3. Wallets are safer in the inside coat rather than in the back pants pocket or outside coat pocket.
4. Never leave a purse or wallet on the seat beside you when you drive.
5. Keep your keys easily accessible.
6. When in an office environment, keep your purse secured in a desk or filing cabinet. Be wary of strangers in your area during coffee breaks and lunch time.
7. When shopping, never leave your purse open or unattended in the shopping cart.