

# PHONE THIEVES TARGET THIS AREA

Criminals use mopeds and bicycles to snatch phones and valuables. They target busy streets, tube and mainline stations. Protect your property by following these simple steps.



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# THIEVES ON BIKES TARGET THIS AREA

**Criminals often ride up behind their victims mounting the pavement to snatch phones and valuables. Police are carrying out daily operations to target these offenders.**

## **Follow these steps to protect your property:**

### **Be discreet**

- Don't openly display high value jewellery
- Keep handbags fastened and close to you

### **Be aware of your surroundings**

- Don't text while walking as you'll be distracted
- Go hands free or stand away from the roadside, near a wall, so no one can come up behind you

### **Protect your phone**

- Make sure the security features on your phone are activated
- If you can, install an anti-theft app
- Find your **IMEI** number by dialling **\*#06#**. Keep a written note of it and report it to the police if the phone is stolen
- Register your phone on **www.immobilise.com** and the police may be able to recover it

**Never confront a thief or risk your own safety for the sake of your mobile device/valuables.**

Dial **999** in an emergency. If you've witnessed or been a victim of crime, report it to police.  
Dial **101** or visit **www.met.police.uk**