



# Wallet Thefts

The theft of wallets and purses are among the most common crimes. Many thefts are crimes of opportunity. You can reduce the opportunity by not leaving your purse unattended or by leaving it hanging on the back of a chair. Coffee shops, restaurants, grocery stores and bars are common places where the opportunity is greater.

## Ask yourself these questions



What was in your wallet?



Do you know your credit card numbers?



Do you know the number to call to cancel your credit cards?



Is your Social Security Card missing?



Are you missing a check book or ATM card?



How can I get a new Driver's License?

A great way to have an answer to all of these questions and more is to have an inventory sheet for your wallet. This, obviously, needs to be made before a theft occurs, and should be stored in a safe place other than your wallet!

If your wallet is lost or stolen you should take a few simple actions immediately. A thief most likely will attempt to use your cards within the first few hours of possession.



## Call your credit card company and cancel your cards

For Discover, call (800) 347-2683, a/k/a 800-DISCOVER. For American Express, call (800) 528-4800 for green card; or (800) 327-2177 for a gold card. For **Visa** and **Mastercard** you must contact the bank that issued your credit card. This information is probably in your latest bill. If you know the bank name but not the 1-800 number call 1-800-555-1212 (it's a free call) or go to <http://www.att.com/directory/>



## Check for unauthorized activity on your credit cards

You will want to know amounts, times/dates, and location of all unauthorized activity of your credit cards



## Contact your bank and advise them of any ATM cards or checks that were stolen

You'll need to know the name of your bank, your account number and which checks are missing. What were your last few transactions on your ATM card?



## Contact the Social Security Administration for a new card

(1 800-772-1213) or [http://www.socialsecurity.gov/replace\\_sscard.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/replace_sscard.html)



## Contact all 3 major credit bureaus

- Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; or <http://www.equifax.com>
- Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289; or <http://www.transunion.com/>
- Experian: 1-888-397-3742; or <http://www.experian.com>



## Contact the MN Department of Public Safety/Drivers Licenses

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/Pages/default.aspx>



## Contact the Police at 911 or 311 to file a report