

Sightseeing Safety.

What Can I Do?

New York City is one of the world's foremost walking cities and the safest big city in the United States. To help continue this trend, the NYPD recommends these street-smart safety tips for tourists and residents, alike:

Wallet

Never carry your wallet in your rear pants pocket, or in the outer compartment of your backpack.



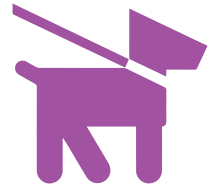
Cash

Do not carry large amounts of cash. When possible, carry cash substitutes, such as traveler's checks or credit cards.



Man's Best Friend

Avoid leaving your dog tied up and unattended on the sidewalk. Be his best friend, too. Thieves know certain breeds can bring hundreds of dollars.



Street Performers

When watching street performers, be wary of pickpockets. Opportunists often target people who are distracted.



Purse

When carrying a purse, never leave it unattended or on the back of a chair.



Vigilance

Avoid standing on a street corner looking down at a tourist map. Crooks are known to target tourists.



Taxis

Always exit taxicabs via the curbside door, watching for cyclists, pedestrians, and oncoming cars.

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