

# THE TRICKS OF THE PICK POCKETS\*

Pickpockets are always on the go! They use the crowding in railway stations or trains to strike undetected. Most trick thieves and pickpockets work in teams and collaborate with each other: for example, whilst one of the thieves distracts a person, an accomplice will steal from them.



\* They have a diverse repertoire. We present the most common methods to you. Find out more, be aware and protect yourself of becoming a victim of a theft!



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## THE WINDOW KNOCKER

They knock on the outside of the train window. The accomplice on the train steals the distracted victim's valuables.



## THE BLOCKER

They block the end of the escalator and let the victim and others pile up. While everyone is looking ahead, their accomplice reaches into the victim's pocket from behind.



## THE BUMPER

They bump into their victim in the crowd or attack in pincer formation with an accomplice. While the victim is distracted, they or their accomplice reach into the victim's pockets.



## THE FAKE TOURIST

They ask their victim for directions and show them a map. While the victim tries to help and takes the map with both hands, they steal from the victim's bag.



## THE FLOWER GIVER

They greet their victim in a friendly way, hug them or hand them a flower. While the victim is confused, their wallet disappears.



## THE SNEAKY SPILLER

They "accidentally" stain the victim's clothing. During the kerfuffle of cleaning up, the money disappears from the victim's pocket.

**Therefore, take care of your belongings!**