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## **PICKPOCKETING. FOREIGN EXPERIENCE**

While Europe has little violent crime, it does have its share of petty purse snatching, pickpocketing, phone grabbing, and general ripping off of tourists – especially in places where tourists gather [1, p. 7].

Thieves target vacationers – not because they're mean, but because they're smart. We're the ones with all the good stuff in our bags and wallets. Loaded down with valuables, jetlagged, and bumbling around in a strange new environment, we stick out like jeweled thumbs.

If you have been pickpocketed abroad, you'd know how it feels and how helpless it makes you feel. But that doesn't and shouldn't stop you from travelling. In fact, it helps you to travel with all the necessary precautions. If you have already experienced it and didn't know what to do, keep reading. Others who haven't experienced anything like this before, keep reading so that you are prepared. This can happen to anyone, even you [1, p. 17].

Here are some tips to help you avoid pickpockets:

–Do not put anything valuable in the back pocket. Yours bulged out wallet is an easy target.

–Sling bags are easy targets too. Make sure you carry cross body bags or backpacks when roaming in crowded areas. Even better if you wear them on your front.

–Don't look like an outsider. Try to blend in by wearing what locals wear.

–Don't immediately take out your smartphones or maps when you get out of the train or bus. It is a clear indication that you are an outsider and not a local resident. This increases your chance of getting pickpocketed abroad.

–Keep soft copies of the documents you are carrying with you. Do not keep all the originals together. Keep them in separate pockets.

–Do not wear expensive jewellery when travelling to a crowded place. Consider wearing cheaper jewellery or NO jewellery while travelling. Diamonds are safe when they are in the safe of a hotel room or at your home. They are not the correct choice to wear

in a place filled with people. If you still wish to wear one, buy a fake one and wear it.

–Don't offer your phone to strangers and make it easy for them to steal it.

–Don't put your smartphones on the table when sitting in a crowded place or even in a coffee shop.

–When travelling, use cash as less as possible. Instead, use credit cards and debit cards. It is easier to report fraud when you pay with cards. You can block them with just one call if you notice any unusual activity on your cards.

–Use a money belt; Period. Instead of taking a wallet that can be slipped away from the back and make you regret every second of your trip, take a money belt. A money belt can be wrapped around your waist and is spacious enough to carry your money and mobile and other small items [2, p. 2].

–Where pickpockets hang out: tourists attractions, public transportation, museums, train stations, restaurants, cafes, and bars, thrift beach, retail stores. Be careful and attentive, protect yourself and your loved ones.

#### ***Список використаних джерел***

1. Outsmarting Pickpockets and Thieves URL: <https://www.ricksteves.com/traveltips/theft-scams/outsmarting-pickpockets>.

2. Pickpockets. How to avoid. URL: <https://travel.earth/pickpocketed-abroad-what-to-do>.

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## **SPECIFICS OF THE UK POLICE WORK**

The work of police officers in different countries has its own characteristics. It depends on quite different legislation in the state. We propose to investigate the specifics of police work in Great Britain in order to study and find new ideas for possible implementation in Ukraine. The structure of the UK police consists of the police units of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, as well as the National Special Police Forces (British Transport Police, Civil Nuclear Police, Ministry of Defense Police, National Police Aviation Service). With the help of the official website of the British