

PREVENTING PERSONAL THEFT

Don't give thieves an easy opportunity; think before you use your phone in public

- Be aware of what's happening around you, especially in tube/train stations and crowded places.
- Don't leave your phone on tables in pubs or restaurants.
- When you leave a train or tube station don't use your phone immediately, leave it a while.
- Don't walk and text at the same time, you will be less aware of what is happening around you.
- Keep calls in public places as brief as possible, the longer you talk, the more likely you are to be spotted by a potential thief.

If your phone is stolen

- Report it to your service provider immediately so they can prevent anyone else from using it.
- Report the theft to the police and to your insurance provider, if you have one.

Give yourself the best chance of recovering your phone if it is stolen

- Mark your phone with your house number and postcode and register it with Immobilise at www.immobilise.com
- Your phone has a unique 15 digit IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) number. Type *#06# into your mobile phone. Register this number with your service provider and, if your phone is stolen, they will be able to bar its use across every network.

If you have any information on any crime, and you would prefer not to speak to police you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**, or visit: **www.crimestoppers-uk.org**

Crimestoppers is an independent charity.

The Metropolitan Police Service is here for London, working with you to make London a safer city.

In an emergency dial 999. For all other enquiries call our non-emergency number **101**, or visit our website **www.met.police.uk**