

Information Sheet

Travelling on public transport - preventing theft or robbery

If you are tricked into handing over your property or if it is stolen from your bag without your knowledge, that is known as theft.

Robbery is theft with violence or the threat of violence and is therefore a more serious offence with heavier court sentences.

Who are the victims?

- Often pupils travelling to and from school
- Many of the victims are aged 14-19 years

What are the targets?

- Mobiles phones especially the latest models are the main targets
- Ipods and other music players
- Cash
- Jewellery



What should you do before you travel?

- Mark your personal items with your postcode and house number using a UV pen
- Note your mobile's IMEI number – to find dial * # 0 6 # on your mobile or take off the battery
- Register your mobile at www.menduk.org - Mobile Equipment National Database

What should you do when travelling?

- Try not to be on your own and avoid dark areas
- Be aware of who is around - robbers can be quick
- Stay close to CCTV cameras if available
- Keep any property, cash and jewellery hidden
- Use an old mobile and black earphones for your ipod