



When traveling in Europe, Asia and other parts of the world, there's always the danger of a street crook getting away with your wallet or pocketbook. Of course, tight zippers and buttons can prevent it.

However, you also need to protect your senior tourist money from more sophisticated robbers roaming foreign streets and stations today. Dressed in what look like official uniforms, they choose likely victims by pretending to be doing official duties. They approach and politely ask to check your purse or wallet for proper identification and possible illegal or false money.

You cooperate and, after a few moments, you're thanked and handed back the inspected item. You don't notice the missing money until later, when you can't do anything about the robbery. Never automatically give your purse or wallet when asked on the street or public transportation. If the uniformed intruders demand them, reply strongly that you'll do it only with them at an official police station.