Travel Safety Recommendations: Commuter and Rail Safety

General Travel Advice:

Ruin a pickpocket's day - Pickpockets love crowds. Take precautions to protect your valuables:

- Use a purse with a secure clasp. Keep the purse close to your body and your hand on the clasp with a firm grip. However, avoid wrapping the strap around your hand or wrist.
- Carry your wallet inside your coat or side trouser pocket, never in your rear trouser pocket. Also, place a rubber band around your wallet to feel resistance if it is removed from your pocket.
- Beware of loud arguments or commotions that may be staged to distract you while your pocket is picked.
- If your pocket is picked, yell out immediately to warn others. Don't be afraid to shout. Tell the train operator, and request the police.

Rail Safety:

Avoid standing near train car doors to lessen your chance of being crowded or bumped by others. If you're jostled in a crowd, a pickpocket may be responsible.

Do not run in the station.

When waiting for a train, stand near other passengers. Do not stand on the platform’s edge. Be aware of your surroundings.

- Promptly leave the platform after exiting the train.
- Always keep your jewelry and other valuables out of sight. Turn rings so that precious stones are on the palm side of your hand.
- Travel with someone you know.
- Ride in a rail car occupied by other people or sit in the first car close to the train operator
- If you feel uncomfortable, move near other people or look for a train employee for assistance
- Never sleep on a train or bus.