



## Vecinos Cooperando y Colaborando de España Neighbourhood Watch Association in Spain



### **BAG SNATCHES**

There has been a huge increase in the number of handbags stolen, especially around banks, shops and supermarkets. The ploys used are simply snatching the bag or cutting the straps as the person walks along or by a distraction method such as dropping a euro note on the floor then asking the bag holder if it is theirs and then snatching the bag or tapping on a car window and asking for directions or saying the car has been damaged whilst a second person opens a door and steals the bag.

### **PREVENTION**

- Keep your handbag to your front, and carry it on the shoulder away from the road.
- If anyone approaches your car lock the doors and do not fully open any window.
- If you think you are being watched or feel uneasy at a cash point, walk away and use another.

### **REMEMBER**

**‘If you do not need it, do not take it with you.’**