



The Düsseldorf Police asks for your help

Professional pick pockets active at european exhibition sites

Since last year one or more groups of organised criminals have been active on european exhibition sites.

These groups have specialised themselves on the theft of handbags, wallets and purses. The thefts normally take place during the opening hours of an exhibition.

- **The criminals are dressed as normal exhibition visitors and sometimes wear false name-badges. Their mode of operation is that they search stands for handbags, laptop cases etc. that have been left unattended.**
- **They only take seconds to remove the bag or case, sometimes placing them in another carrier bag or case.**
- **Although it may appear that a person is alone, the thieves always operate in groups who are in constant contact with each other and home in on „soft“ targets.**

Police officers, some in plain clothes, as-well-as security personnel from the Messe Düsseldorf will be active to secure the exhibition. If you should be approached by these, we ask you to give assistance if you can. We also strongly advise that you consider the following preventative measures during the show:

- **Please pay special attention to handbags and cases on your stand.**
- **Always make sure storage or cloakroom areas on your stands where personal valuables, laptops or other equipment is held are secured or access is controlled.**
- **Use cloakroom tickets to avoid handing over items to the wrong people.**
- **Address directly suspicious persons immediately. If such persons are found in private or restricted areas of your stand contact the police immediately.**
- **Please inform all of your stand personnel about the situation to enhance awareness. Actively assist visitors to your stand to keep their property safe.**

The Police Station on site can be reached by calling: **110**
or **0211 – 4560 - 420**

Theft protection systems, cloakroom or security personnel can be ordered from one of our on site security companies.