


Theft Prevention Guideline for Hawkers

Thefts of hawkers' money and products are on the rise recently, and many perpetrators adopt similar modus operandi. We would like to advise all hawkers to be watchful at the way customers shop and remember to lock your valuables away. Keep track of the latest crime information to prevent you from falling prey to theft.

	Modus Operandi	Tactics
1	Several customers approach together but they keep looking around.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Be alert to every customer's move
2	Only one of them is asking about the price, and the rest keep looking at products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Is he trying to distract you? ■ Look out for the rest of the customers
3	That customer continues to ask you questions, and the rest seem to have no intention of buying anything.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Make sure your personal belongings are with you or locked away ■ Check if they are trying to block your view ■ Are they staring at your goods in an odd way?
4	One of them walks closer and closer to where you keep your personal items, under the cover of other accomplices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ask them what products they are looking for proactively. Let them know you are watching them closely.
5	Culprits take off immediately after stealing your products or money.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Remain calm and call out for help ■ Make sure your stall is covered and that you are safe before chasing after the culprits ■ Call the police immediately on 

Advice:

- Many culprits case the joint before taking action, so you should be careful if you see strangers loitering in the area
- Raise vigilance among others should you believe that culprits are at work in the area. Look out for other hawkers in the neighbourhood.