

IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS

Don't hesitate to ask for the food and drinks menu so as to avoid any unpleasant surprises when receiving the bill.

What to do if you are the victim of an assault or theft ?

If you are the victim of an assault

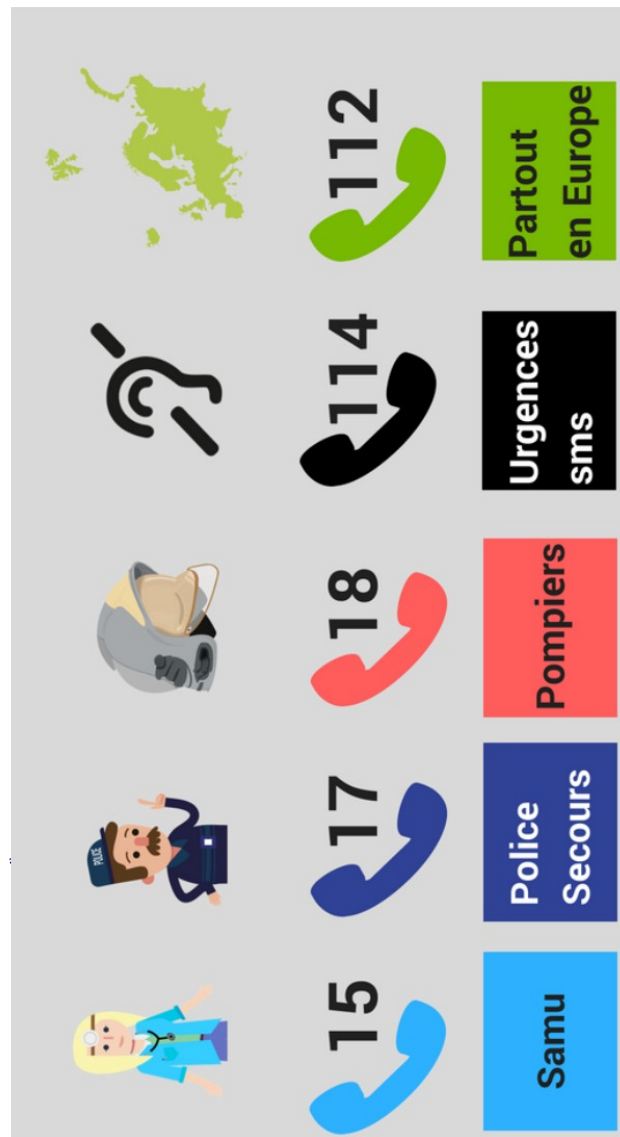
- Try to make your attacker flee by making as much as noise as possible (shouting) ;
- Take shelter in the nearest shop and ask someone to call the police ;



- Give a description of your attacker: sex, approximate age, style and colour of hair, height and build, clothes, salient features (beard, scar, tattoo, glasses, etc.) ;
- Indicate the direction they fled in and by what means. For a vehicle, give the colour, make and if possible the registration number (even part of it).

If you are the victim of theft

Go to the nearest police/gendarmerie station to lodge a complaint.




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To staying safe in vacation



BE VIGILANT IN THE STREET

- It's best to carry a bag across your shoulder or wear a concealed pouch rather than a back pack ;
- Carry a minimum of cash with you ;
- Don't keep your wallet in a back pocket ;
- If an attacker tries to snatch your bag, don't try to stop them as you will risk being injured ;
- Beware of individuals who try to divert your attention so that they can steal your personal belongings, notably on cafe terraces, when you are withdrawing money from automatic teller machines (ATMs) or when you are signing petitions.

BEWARD OF FALSE REPRESENTATION

Some crooks may even pretend to be police officers and ask you for your identity papers and for money.

First of all, it's worth noting that a real police officer will never ask you for money. Ask to see their laminated tricolour identity card marked « Police or Gendarmerie Nationale » at the centre, with diagonal blue, white and red stripes, and inscriptions on the front and back.



TO AVOID BEING A VICTIM FOLLOW THIS ADVICE



ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Don't leave your baggage unattended ;
- Don't let anyone go behind you through the ticket barrier ;
- Never buy tickets from illegal street sellers : they'll charge you much more. Use the ticket desks and ticket machines in train stations and bus stations.

PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE FROM BEING STOLEN

- Lock the doors and boot and make sure you close the windows of your vehicle ;
- Don't leave valuable objects (mobile phone, camera, clothes, bag, etc) to the view, in the car drunk or in the glove box.

LOSS OR THEFT OF YOUR IDENTITY PAPERS

- Photocopy your identity papers and keep them at your hotel or temporary residence ;
- If you lose them, contact the consulate and in the event of theft, also make a statement to the police.

IN PUBLIC PLACES

- Don't handle wads of notes in public and don't change currency in the street, go to an exchange office ;
- At ATMs, cover the keypad to hide your PIN (number) and do not let yourself be distracted by anyone or you may be a victim of theft ;
- Make payments with small notes, banker's card or cheques (if of course they are cleared in France) ;
- Don't wear expensive jewellery in an ostentatious way ;
- Don't leave your money or other means of payment in cloakrooms or in your coat hung on a chair in a restaurant or cafe, a pickpocket could sit down behind you and steal your belongings ;
- Never put your bag down by your feet and don't leave your mobile phone or wallet on the table of a cafe or restaurant ;
- Don't keep your mobile phone in an outside pocket of your bag or clothing; don't lend it to a stranger ;
- Don't leave your clothes unattended during the swimming.



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