

Crime Prevention Tip – Lost Wallet / Purse

Oh No! My wallet/purse is missing. Where did I have it last? What did I have in it?

Here's a TIP. Go get your wallet RIGHT NOW and photocopy or take a picture all the cards you have in it! Then make a list of ALL the info, you have on it. File and date this sheet and update it periodically! Also store on a flash drive and keep in a secure place.



Take out your birth certificate / Social Insurance Card / and anything else you don't need on a regular basis. Ladies, we are the worst for keeping sensitive data in our purses that can be crippling when lost!! Having photocopies available will help in the replacement process should you lose any of your identification. Make a note of contact information from the back of any of the cards.

OK, now what do I do?

1. **Notify the Police**

Contact the local police or RCMP and let them know what is missing.

2. **Notify Financial Institutions and Credit Card Companies**

Inform your financial institutions immediately of any missing credit cards, debit cards and/or cheques. If you are missing retail credit cards, notify the customer service or credit department of those retail companies as well.

Find out your credit card company's liability policy. Learn about debit card fraud and the extent of your liability for unauthorized debit card use. The Alberta government-in partnership with law enforcement agencies, consumer groups and the private sector-has developed a universal identity theft statement, which can be used by victims to notify most major creditors of what has happened

3. **Replace Missing Government-Issued Identity Documents**

It may not seem as important to replace these cards quickly, but they are also open to misuse. The sooner you deactivate any missing cards bearing your name, the better.

- Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan
- Alberta Identification Card
- Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Marriage (Large or Small)
- Driver's Licence | Contact / Learner's Permit
- Hunting/Fishing Licence and Tags (Replacement Card)

- Métis Nation of Alberta - Métis Membership Card
- AND ANY OTHER Federal Service ID LIKE - Canadian Passport or Citizenship Certificate

4. **Replace Other Missing Cards**

- Automobile Insurance Card (pink card) | Vehicle Registration Card
- Alberta Blue Cross

Once you have all your replacement documents, it's a good idea to photocopy them and keep them in a safe place. Even consider filing on a flash drive and put it in a secure place. Taking these steps can save you a lot of stress.

House/Car Key Missing?

Consider changing your locks if your house and/or car keys are also missing.

Check out an [Identity Theft - Tipsheet](#) available on the Web

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