

ITU Protocol and Security Division



Security Notice for Participants at ITU Events in Geneva

Although Geneva is a relatively safe city, the ITU Security wishes to alert event participants to the rise in crime against locals and visitors over the last few years, and asks them to remain vigilant when enjoying the city's sites.

Currently some common reported methods used by criminals are as follows:

Imposters posing as Geneva Police; they usually work in a group of three people and their technique commonly involves one person requesting help from the victim, at which point two other individuals will approach them claiming to be police officers. They show fake I.D. and ask questions such as "are you a tourist?", "show me your ID" and "do you have any money"? Victims show their wallets, which are then taken from them, the cash is removed and then the offenders flee. Reported incidents such as these have occurred around the International Organization's premises in the Place de Nations area, the Gare Cornavin train station, and Les Eaux Vives area where tourists tend to congregate.

Street Trickery and/or Pickpockets; victims are approached by an individual/s asking for information, which is meant to distract the victim at which time the perpetrator/s will try to make physical contact or will have another accomplice assist in order to carry out the deed. Reported incidents such as these have occurred around the airport, the train station, and downtown area where tourists tend to congregate.

Event participants should as soon as practicable notify and report these crimes to the Geneva Police at **Telephone No. 117** and to the ITU Security who will prepare an incident report and assist the participant in filing an official report with the police.

The ITU Security can be contacted at $\frac{\text{Telephone No.} +41.22.730.51.07 \text{ or } +41.22.730.51.08}{24-\text{hours a day to report an incident and/or request any assistance that may be required in these types of matters.}$