



SPECIAL AIRPORT SECURITY ADVICE

Over the past few weeks the press have covered several sensational stories of robberies from Alicante Airport.

The following advice should keep you from becoming victims of these individuals and gangs at Alicante or any other airport.

WHEN ARRIVING OR DEPARTING



DO NOT put handbags, briefcases, computer cases or other smaller or lightweight bags on your luggage trolley. Either keep them in your hand or place them in the smaller compartment, keeping hold of the handle.

DO NOT put money, passports, wallets, purses, credit cards or other valuables in your luggage. Keep them secure on your person inside a closed, buttoned or zipped inner pocket.

WHEN COLLECTING YOUR CAR

If picking up a hire car **DO NOT** accept offers of help with your baggage from someone purporting to be from the hire company, or the same person saying that there has been an administrative mistake, give him the keys to the car, loaded with your luggage, and go and sort it out at the hire car office.

When loading your luggage in or out of the car boot: -

DO NOT put handbags or other small items on the front seats or on the roof of the car and at all times keep the luggage trolley close to the rear of the car.

BE AWARE of distraction thieves who may approach and ask for change for the parking meter, ask for directions or point out a supposed flat tyre or scratch on your car. Their aim is to distract you whilst they or an accomplice snatches an item(s) of luggage. When returning your trolley remember to lock your car doors first.



WHEN LEAVING THE AIRPORT

Firstly lock your car doors as soon as you move off and do not stop if flashed by another car, if someone points to one of your wheels indicating a problem, to help anyone who apparently has broken down and most importantly – if bumped by another car. If this happens drive to a well-lit area with plenty of people around then check your vehicle.

If any of the above happens note the car registration number and make a big show of using your mobile phone.

IF YOU HAVE VISITORS ARRIVING

Please warn them beforehand. At holiday times there is usually a large police presence at the airport but they can't be everywhere at the same time. The Costa Blanca has its fair share of opportunist thieves, but this is common throughout the world.

REMEMBER, thousands of passengers pass through Alicante and other local airports each week without mishap, and enjoy their time in Spain thoroughly.