

# COIN SHOW SAFETY TIPS



Dealers who participate in coin shows are **potential targets of numismatic predators**. The following tactics and practices provide dealers and their employees with a basic safety plan that will help reduce the chances of becoming a numismatic crime victim.

## SECURITY TACTICS FOR DEALERS ATTENDING COIN SHOWS

- 1)** Inventory coins and leave a copy on your home or office computer. (Downloading to a flash drive provides an additional level of documentation.)
- 2)** Upon arrival, locate the unloading area and make sure adequate security is in place while unloading/loading. Before exiting your vehicle, look around for any suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity.
- 3)** When you arrive at your table, secure inventory behind the table before you arrange cases, lamps, and chairs. **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING IN THE AISLE.**
- 4)** Identify who is on each side of you and behind you.
- 5)** Do not let other dealers or early birds look at coins until setup is complete. This will eliminate distractions and allow you to maintain control of your inventory.
- 6)** Once setup is complete, take photos with your phone to document your presence at the show (for insurance and law-enforcement purposes).
- 7)** Cases should be locked at all times, including those on a backup table.
- 8)** Know how to contact security during the show.
- 9)** If you need to leave your table, lock all cases and alert dealers next to or behind you that you will return shortly.
- 10)** At the end of the show, limit distractions while packing up. Make sure there is adequate security outside when loading.
- If you're making several trips to your vehicle, have someone watch your table, and leave the most valuable load for last.
- 11)** Remember that no specific criminal profile exists for a numismatic thief.
- 12)** Be suspicious of anyone asking unsolicited questions about your travel or collection/inventory.
- 13)** Remember that thieves often work in pairs, with one distracting you while the other steals your inventory.
- 14)** Notify security about any suspicious persons or behavior. Take pictures to document the person's appearance or activities, if needed.
- 15)** Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

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