

Wallet, come back to me!

The thought of losing my wallet or having it stolen is one that I wish never to experience! Yet, my wallet is currently gone and has yet to come back to me. Surprisingly I am calm while taking inventory of its contents: umm, **EVERYTHING**. I have learnt to separate important information from my daily wallet; I have learnt that I should memorize my SIN number; and, I have learnt that I should not get so caught up in a rush that I lose track of my wallet in the span of 15 minutes.

- 1 I **retrace** my steps and I set the affirmation that my wallet will come back to me with everything inside.
- 2 I **cancel** my debit card(s) + then get new ones.
- 3 I **freeze** my credit accounts (and, later, ask for new cards if indeed my wallet does not come back)
- 4 I **file a police report** documenting the last time I had my wallet, the approximate time it was lost/stolen, and the contents of my wallet.
- 5 I **call Transunion** and **Equifax** (there is the option to talk to an agent in the case of a lost or stolen wallet). By calling these two places, I am placing a 6 year flag on my account.
- 6 I make calls to have **replacements** sent for my birth certificate, Alberta Personal Health Card, Blue Cross, SIN card



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Resources: I educate myself further at <http://www.programs.alberta.ca/Living/5963.aspx?N=770+5248>