

Woman remanded in custody following arrest for pickpocketing in city centre



A 37-year-old woman has been arrested and charged in connection with three pickpocketing incidents in the city centre which happened between Saturday, December 2, and Friday, December 8, in the Princes Street area.

The woman appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Wednesday, December 12, and was remanded to custody.

Inspector Bob Innes of West End Police Station said: "Christmas is an exciting time to be in Edinburgh, however it is important to be aware that there are some in the city who will target vulnerable people, especially visitors and those who are enjoying the festive activities on offer.

"Pickpocketing is an issue we take extremely seriously. We have a number of officers out and about in the city centre targeting those who participate in this activity and I ask the public to remain vigilant whilst they are visiting.

"There are steps the public can take in order to protect their property when out and about during the festive period.

"Keep your purse secure and carry wallets in an inside pocket, zip up hand and shoulder bags and carry bags in front of you against your body.

"Make sure that the straps on your bag are short and tucked under your arm and try to avoid displaying jewellery. Do not have money visible, keep it safely in your pocket."