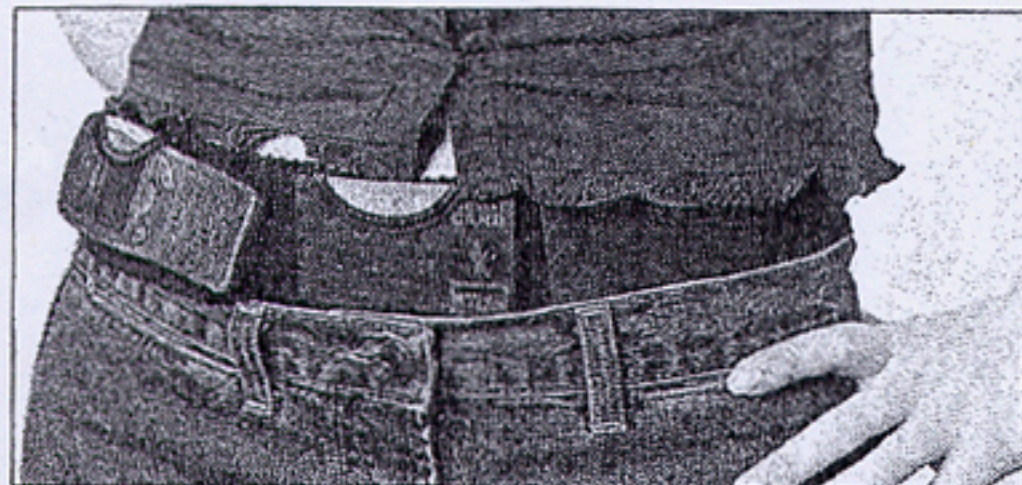


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**Body Safe:** this belt has compartments for keys and valuables

# Don't be a fashion victim

WITH London street crime still at frighteningly high levels, Karrysafe's ingenious accessories promise to make the lives of bag snatchers and pickpockets harder than ever. The range is the brainchild of Dr Lorraine Gamman of the Design Against Crime Research Institute at Central St Martins, which collaborated with the Metropolitan Police. "I started thinking about it after I had my bag stolen in a restaurant," she

says. "I approached Adam and Joe from [streetwear designers] Vexed Generation to help."

The backpack (£79.99) has a combination lock, is made from an anti-slash mesh and is fastened by a roll of Velcro, which is noisy to open — you'll know if someone is trying to get into it. The Karryfront Screamer (£115) is a laptop bag with a loud alarm that is triggered when it is forcibly snatched away from you. The Phone Safe (£12.99) is a

wristband holder for mobiles. For girls, the Body Safe (£15.99) is a lingerie-style belt with compartments for a phone, keys, money and credit cards. It should put an end to dancing round your handbag for good.

**Emine Saner**

● Karrysafe is available from Selfridges (0870 8377377), Fonehouse and [www.karrysafe.com](http://www.karrysafe.com) from the end of August.