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Don't let thieves spoil your Summer days: RACQ

Queenslanders have been urged to take precautions on the sand over Summer, as new RACQ research revealed January was the month unsuspecting holiday makers were most at risk of beach theft.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said the Club had received 206 insurance claims for beach theft in the past three years across the State, with January the worst month.

"We want you to enjoy your day at the beach, but remember thieves go to the beach too," Ms Ross said.

"We're warning people to be extra careful and to keep a sharp eye on personal items at all times because opportunistic thieves might be watching.

"We also highly recommend the buddy system where you and a friend take turns swimming while the other is watching over your valuables."

Ms Ross said rings, bracelets, prescription glasses and laptops were among the most common items stolen.

"Unfortunately, some of Queensland's best beaches are also the most likely places where incidents occur," she said.

"Main Beach and Burleigh top the list on the Gold Coast, while Mooloolaba is the most popular haunt for Sunshine Coast thieves.

"People should carefully consider whether wearing or taking valuables to the beach is absolutely necessary, and check their insurance cover is up-to-date before heading off on holidays."

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