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**Crime Prevention Unit**

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# Lock Your Door



This is the single best deterrent to the would-be thief in the residence hall, office or other residence.

Doors left unlocked for just one minute are a great risk. It takes about eight seconds to remove valuables from an unlocked room.

Many rip-offs occur while the occupant is on the same floor, having left for one minute to use a bathroom or visit a neighbor.

Lock valuables in a cabinet, closet or drawer with a good security lock.

## KEEP YOUR KEYS!

- Do not loan keys to anyone; their carelessness may lead to your loss.
- Do not ID key rings with your address; duplicates can be used at a later date.
- Do not leave keys lying around or in unused clothing; duplicates can be made.
- Keep keys immediately ready in hand when arriving at a car or residence.
- If lost or stolen, notify University Police or issuing agent immediately.
- Do not prop doors open or jam locks for intended visitors. You may be responsible for serious crime or harm to others. It is your responsibility to keep your area secure.

## WHEN YOU DRIVE:

- Do not pick up hitchhikers.
- Keep doors locked; be alert at traffic stops.
- Do not lower windows for strangers; demand credentials.
- If stalled, ask for aid through a cracked window; remain in vehicle.
- Travel well-lighted streets.

## WHEN YOU WALK:

- Do not walk alone, especially at night. Use the escort service (594-6659)
- Do not take shortcuts: travel well-lighted, busy routes.
- If followed, change directions, head for lights and people.
- Trust your instincts. Run and/or scream if necessary. Escape a dangerous situation at the first opportunity.

## WHEN YOU PARK:

- Lock ignition and remove keys.
- Close and lock windows and doors.
- Keep all valuables out of sight; use the trunk.
- Choose a well-lighted area to park at night.
- When returning, have keys ready in hand and check interior before entering.

## OTHER HELPFUL HINTS

When you report suspicious persons or incidents:

- Supply address of incident.
- Give number of individuals who are involved.
- Describe what is occurring.
- Obtain license numbers of any cars used and direction of escape.

- Obtain description of suspect(s) (age, height, weight, complexion, clothing).
- Notice if any weapons are involved.
- Stay on phone until told otherwise.

#### **BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS:**

- Consider substantial window locks (a propped stick will buy time).
- Maintain lights inside when you leave; hall or bathroom are good places.
- Be aware of the “wrong number” gimmick; it is used to see if you are at home.
- If you notice strangers anywhere, call the police to check on them.
- Make your neighbor aware of your absence; don’t leave notes on the outside.
- Demand ID from strangers, salesmen and solicitors and verify before admitting.
- Avoid keeping large sums of money or expensive valuables in your room.
- Play radio at low volume while away; use timers for the radio and lights.
- If you find a window broken or door open, DO NOT ENTER! Call the police immediately.
- Maintain an inventory of all valuables using serial number and description.
- We provide a free service to etch your valuables; an inventory list is also furnished. Marked property deters thefts and is hard to fence.
- Conceal your single status on nameplates; use last name or initials and consider adding a second fictitious name.



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