Tips from the UNC Police Department

Larceny is the most prevalent crime on the UNC campus. But the good news is that many of these thefts are preventable. While no one is immune to crime, heed these tips and empower yourself by helping reduce the risk of becoming a victim of opportunity.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. Larceny prevention depends on a partnership with UNC Police. Call 9-1-1 or find a police officer and stop a larceny before it happens!

A CLOSED-DOOR POLICY

ALWAYS LOCK YOUR DOOR. If you’re going down the hall to visit a friend, or to the bathroom, lock your door. Most thefts in dorms occur by persons entering unsecured doors. Never prop open doors in residence halls or academic buildings.

BE BOOK-SMART IN LIBRARIES

MARK ALL BOOKS ... with some unique identifier without defacing [books have buy-back value, but that value makes them easily stolen and sold]. Take only the books you need when going to the library and avoid leaving them unattended. When doing research at the library, try and obtain the shelved books you will need before going to your work area to eliminate leaving items unattended. From backpacks and laptops to cellphones and Ipods, it only takes a moment to walk by and pick them up, and criminals watch for these opportunities.

REDUCE COMPUTER THEFT. Use cablelocking mechanisms available from the Student Stores. Never leave computers unattended in libraries or dining halls.

BE CLOTHES-MINDED

NEVER LEAVE CLOTHING UNATTENDED IN LAUNDRY FACILITIES. Additionally, use a fabric marker to label your clothing.

“TAKE A BIKE OUT OF CRIME!”

SECURE BICYCLES TO BIKE RACKS USING U-SHAPED STYLE BICYCLE LOCKS OR A HEAVY-DUTY CABLE. Run the lock through the front tire rack AND frame to secure properly. Never just lock the front wheel to the bike rack.

THE “KEY” TO FITNESS

DON’T LEAVE KEYS OR OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS UNSECURED ON GYMNASIUM FLOORS. Always use a locker or secure the item in a clothing pocket.

 Better Safe...

REPORT ANY AND ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR PERSONS IN YOUR RESIDENCE HALL. You know better than anyone who should and shouldn’t be there. Even if the person has left the building, report it to the police. The subject(s) may still be on campus, perhaps in another residence hall or building.

Partner with us to reduce the incidence of larcenies on the UNC–Chapel Hill campus!