How do I keep my property safe on campus?
Here are a few tips:

Keep your valuables with you!!!

Make a conscious effort not to leave your purse or your book bag behind when you leave a room or a building. Don't leave your purse, book bag, or other valuables unattended.

Room property theft!!!

Majority of Property theft at dormitories and other buildings can easily be avoided. We advise students to strongly consider the following tips to ensure the safety of their personal property:

- Do not prop open the door to your room and lock your door when you leave.
- Do not prop open door leading to the entrance of your building
- Be careful about granting strangers access to any building.
- Keep personal valuable such as laptops out of sight even when you are inside your room.
- Close your window blinds when you leave your room
- Upon your return, if you notice anything out of place, retreat and contact campus safety.

Auto burglary prevention

Items such as cell phones, navigation system, laptop computers, camcorders and credit cards are valuable items and much quicker to remove from a vehicle. An auto burglar can break a car window, reach inside and items in a matter of seconds. Even the best alarm system has minimal effectiveness in this type of crime.

- Always roll up the windows and lock the doors.
- Never leave valuables, books, bags or anything in plain view. Put them in the trunk or at least out of sight. Park in a busy well lighted area.
- Consider installing mechanical locking devices or security systems.
- Be alert and report any suspicious persons or activities you see in parking areas.

Auto theft prevention

First and foremost, when your vehicle is not in use keep it LOCKED and DO NOT LEAVE THE KEYS IN IT!!!

- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended, even just to run in for a minute.
- Invest in auto theft alarms, and other deterrents such as 'THE CLUB' or any other anti-theft device.
- Always park in well lighted areas, if possible.
- Never leave a spare set of keys in your vehicle.

- Never ever leave your vehicle title inside your vehicle.
- Have your mechanic install a fuel or ignition kill switch that has to be activated before the vehicle will start.
- Have your windows etched with your VIN number.

Report suspicious situations to campus safety

- If you see anything that just doesn't look right to you, don't be afraid to call Campus Safety at extension “0” from any on campus phone or (562) 777-4000 from a cell phone. It is much better for Campus Safety to come and find that there is nothing wrong than for a crime to occur. Sometimes offenders can be caught in the act because of the quick-thinking responses of community members just like you.
VICTIMIZATION TRIANGLE

You

Suspect

Opportunity
(Remove the Foundation of Opportunity)

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