

Crime Prevention Tips for Students Leaving for the Holidays

During the Holiday break between semesters, many students will be leaving their residence hall, apartment or home for an extended period of time. Here are some helpful tips to remember before leaving for the holidays.

- **Make sure all doors and windows are properly secured.**
- **When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.**
- **Consider taking all items of "high value" back to you primary residence; money, jewelry, TV, VCR, stereo, computer.**
- **If you choose to leave items of "high value," make sure that you have recorded the serial numbers. It is recommended that you mark or engrave your property with your drivers license, so that it can be identified as your property.**
- **Large displays of valuables should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.**
- **Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.**
- **Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.**
- **Check with your local police department to see if they provide "close patrol" services for unattended residences during the holiday season.**

If you leave your vehicle parked on campus or at your residence during the holiday break, remember to:

- **Park your vehicle in an area that is visible to the public and well lit at night.**
- **Secure all doors and windows**
- **Remove all valuables or secure them out of sight.**
- **If your vehicle has a built-in security, use it.**
- **When leaving for a holiday or vacation, do not park your car the night before. It only makes a more attractive target for a thief.**

Happy Holidays From The University Police Department!

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