

THEFT FROM AUTO

The recent increase and popularity of expensive electronic devices and accessories has given rise to the theft of these items from vehicles. Cellphones, MP3 players, GPS's, detachable CD players and other such devices are now being stolen at an alarming rate. Personal items such as Textbooks, checkbooks, loose change and credit cards are not being overlooked once a thief has gained entry into a vehicle.

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM...

1. Remain calm. If the theft occurs on campus or in the vicinity, call the University Police at **415 338-2222**.
2. If your car or accessories are stolen, the police officer will need specific information to identify the car, parts and accessories. Take the time to record detailed information. You should make a record of the following:
 - Year and make. Model. Colors.
 - State license number.
 - Vehicle identification (serial) number.
 - Tires - size, brand and serial number.
 - Cellular phone, MP3's, detachable CD players, GPS and other special equipment (description, make and serial number).
 - Dents, scratches or other accidental damage that make your car different from any other car of the same make and model.
 - Secret Identification. Examples: Scratch your initials inside the trunk or under the hood; slide a small card with your name alongside a window so that it will drop inside the door panel.

CRIME PREVENTION

Crime prevention has been defined as the anticipation, the recognition and the appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it.

EMERGENCY
(24 Hours)
911

If you are on the main campus and using a cell phone, dial **(415) 338-2222** for the University Police.

BUSINESS
(24Hours)
(415) 338-7200

CRIME HOTLINE
(415) 338-3030

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Detach and Keep in Wallet

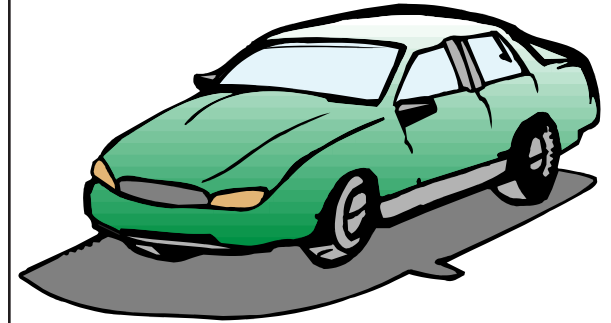
MOTOR VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

YEAR _____ MAKE _____
BODY STYLE _____ COLOR UPPER _____
ENGINE SIZE _____ COLOR LOWER _____
VEHICLE ID. NO. _____
SPECIAL MARKS WHICH IDENTIFY VEHICLE _____

LICENSE AND STATE _____
OTHER ITEMS KEPT WITH AUTO
(LIST SERIAL NO.) _____
INSURANCE CO. _____
POLICY _____
AGENT _____

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Preventing



Auto Theft

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT
SAN FRANCISCO STATE
UNIVERSITY POLICE
(415) 338-7200



PATRICK M. WASLEY
CHIEF OF POLICE



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF THE UNIVERSITY POLICE

The San Francisco State University is a community of approximately 40,000 persons working, living and studying in the area.

As in virtually all communities, crime and the loss of property are daily problems. Most auto thefts and burglaries occur on the perimeter of the University, mainly Lake Merced and Juniperro Serra Boulevard, as well as 19th Avenue.

The University is a commuter institution set in an urban environment. Thus, we have thousands of motor vehicles on and around our campus each day. The two primary problems related to vehicles are auto theft and vehicles that are burglarized. The following suggestions for the protection of your vehicle and its contents have been prepared for your information.

The University Police is responsible for the safety and security of the university community. This task, however, is one which we cannot accomplish alone. We need the help and support of every student, faculty and staff member. I hope you will join us in our efforts to provide for a safe and secure academic environment.

Patrick M. Wasley
Chief of Police

Protect Your Car

The following suggestions are made to help YOU protect your car.

1. Lock your car. Double check to make sure all windows have either been rolled up or closed.
2. Take the car keys with you. Consider separating your car keys from your house or apartment keys.
3. If you park in a lot or restaurant with an attendant and must leave your keys, leave only the ignition key. A thief needs only a few minutes to make an impression from your keys or to have duplicate keys made.
4. Avoid placing any type of identification on your key ring. If the keys are stolen, identification will serve as a guide for the thief.
5. Avoid "hidden keys." The experienced or determined thief will find them.
6. At night, try to park in well-lit and well-traveled areas.
7. Report suspicious cars and/or persons loitering around cars to the police.

Secure Your Possessions In Your Car

The following suggestions are for your consideration.

1. Keep clothes and other property out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk. This is a good tip to remember when shopping, especially during the holiday season.
2. Avoid leaving loose change, checkbooks and credit cards in your car.
3. Remove pull-out stereos, cell phones, MP3 players, iPod connects, Chargers, GPS's, textbooks and laptops, if possible. Dont depend on alarms, make sure things are not in plain sight.
4. Participate in Operation Identification. Mark your valuables and record the serial numbers.
5. If your car is not so equipped, consider the installation of an interior hood release.
6. You may want to have a burglar alarm system installed in your car.
7. Purchase smooth, non-flared door locking buttons to discourage the thief with a coat hanger.
8. Keep in mind that thieves do break into glove boxes and center consoles. Do not leave any valuables locked in these areas of your vehicle.