

Laptop GPS Software

GPS software may be purchased to help protect your laptop. This software tracks the location of your laptop by using your IP address. Below are two companies that sell laptop GPS software.

Advatrack- <http://www.lost-computer.com>

Orbicule- <http://orbicule.com/undercover>

DataDot™ Technology

What are DataDots? DataDots are small dots that have a unique PIN number etched into the dot. The dots come with an adhesive to be able to attach the dots to all of your equipment. The DataDot owner then registers their unique PIN number and personal information into the database. If an item is located the police department will be able to find the DataDots on the equipment and search the database to find the owner. DataDots are available in the campus bookstore. Below is a magnified image of an actual DataDot.



Magnified DataDot

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
(24Hours)
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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Laptop Theft

FACTS:

The FBI's commissioned study of computer crime shows that the theft of notebook computers is the most common problem in computer crime.

Laptop/Notebook computers are an expensive personal and business asset that are highly sought after by thieves.

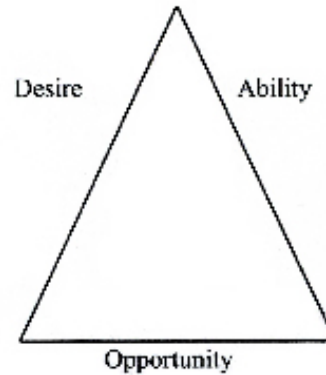
Theft on Campus

The #1 crime on The San Francisco State University campus is the theft of personal and state property. The majority of thefts that occur on campus are "thefts of opportunity".



Opportunity Theft

What is opportunity theft? Opportunity theft is an extremely preventable crime. Below is a model of "opportunity theft."



Desire- The individual must have the desire to commit the crime.

Ability- The individual must have the ability and skill to commit the theft.

Opportunity- Opportunity is the base of the triangle. If we deny the opportunity, no crime can be committed!

Theft prevention should be your primary concern when you use laptops. The following suggestions are made to help YOU protect your laptop.

1. Never leave your laptop unattended.
2. Keep your laptop locked in a cabinet/drawer or hidden away out of sight when not in use. Most thieves do

not stay in a room longer than 60 seconds. If the thief does not find items to take quickly he or she will soon give up and leave.

3. Always lock your office or room. Even if you are going to be gone for only a few minutes, lock it!
4. Do not prop open your door.
5. Close and lock your windows every time you are not in your office/residence.
6. When you leave your office/residence tell your neighbors so they can keep an eye out while you are gone. Help your neighbors by keeping an eye on their offices/residence while they are out.
7. Do not position laptops near exterior windows where they are subject to a smash-and-grab type theft.
8. Write down your laptop's serial number, make and model. Keep it in a safe place.
9. Backup all important data daily.
10. Do not leave sensitive data on the computer. For example: Social Security numbers, student information, personal phone numbers, or credit card numbers.
11. Promptly report thefts and suspicious people to The San Francisco State Police Department (415) 338-7200.