

# Crime Prevention Tips from Chief Foster

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## Thefts

- Keep valuables out of sight; including purses and wallets, cell phones, electronics and jewelry, and never leave your valuables unattended (not even for a second).
- Do not carry more than you need. Leave unnecessary valuable items securely in your residence. Carry only the minimum amount of money or credit cards you will need for the day.
- Be especially careful with your credit cards, which are very popular items among thieves because they are usually easy to steal and then use again. Consider obtaining a credit card with your photo imprinted on it.
- Laptops/Tablets are primary targets of theft. Consider the purchase of a locking or tracking device.

## Cell phone protection

- Carry your phone with you whenever possible and make sure it is in a safe place whenever you leave it behind. If you are leaving your phone in your car, be sure it is hidden from view.
- Turn off your phone when you are not using it.
- Use the "lock" feature on your phone.
- Report a stolen cell phone immediately to your carrier and local Police.
- Check your monthly bills carefully, and report unfamiliar calls to your carrier. Do not give out your electronic serial number or even your phone number to strangers, including callers who represent themselves as technicians testing your line.
- Keep your subscriber agreement, which includes your electronic serial number, in a secure location.

## Remember the following Services are available to you by UDC Police

### Escort Service

If you must travel alone, a safety escort may be requested. This service is available to University students, faculty, staff and guests to and from campus buildings or parking facilities. **Please contact the Emergency Communications Center at 202.274.5050 (24/7).**

### Personal Safety Check

If you are working or studying late in an office or study area, a member of the department will stop by and check on you periodically if requested.

### Jump Starts

Vehicle jump-starts are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Jump-starts are available to anyone as long as the vehicle is located on university property or immediately adjacent to university property. There is no fee for this service.

### Lock Outs

Vehicle unlocks are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Unlocks are available to anyone as long as the vehicle is located on university property or immediately adjacent to university property. Proof of vehicle ownership must be provided to the responding officer before any unlock will be attempted. There is no fee for this service.

## UDC Police would like to remind you that preventing terrorism is everyone's responsibility



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**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.**  
Call **9-1-1**

  

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