Tips to Prevent Property Theft

Members of the community are encouraged to mark their personal property and keep a record of the property in case it is stolen. An electric engraver can be borrowed from the Department of Public Safety and Transportation. Maintaining records of your property will help us in locating the owner. Members of the community are reminded to safeguard property at all times.

**Personal Property in Residential Halls or at Home**

⇒ Make sure all doors are locked and windows are shut, even if you are leaving for just a brief moment
⇒ Try to keep valuables out of sight from windows or away from doors
⇒ If you have not requested or have not been notified of such service, verify the identities of people claiming to be from companies such as, but not limited to, utilities and animal control
⇒ Beware of extortion schemes by people claiming to be law enforcement and demanding money

**Personal Property in a Car**

⇒ Do not leave anything in plain view
⇒ Always remember to lock your doors and roll up windows to a safe height
⇒ Park in well-lit areas
⇒ If you leave your car, bring your car keys! A thief's window of opportunity is less than a minute

**Personal Property while Out and About**

⇒ Remember that not all cubbies are monitored.
⇒ If you are going to sleep in a public area, sleep on your backpack/laptop

Keep yourself and your personal property safe.

There are people on and off campus who can support you in reporting to law enforcement if you choose to do so.

You can contact Adelphi University Department of Public Safety. They can assist you in notifying law enforcement and can help connect you to other people and resources on our campus.

Regardless of whether or not you report to the police, you can report to the University by contacting:

**Department of Public Safety & Transportation**
Main Campus - Garden City
Command Center - Levermore Hall 1st Floor
p – 516-877-3507
p – 516-877-3511
Dial “5” from any campus phone

If at one of the Adelphi Centers, one should:
Manhattan Center:
75 Varick Street, NYC, NY, 10013
p – 212.965.8340
contact the contract security officer located at the main entry to the Adelphi area on the second floor.

Hudson Valley Center:
Saint Francis Medical Arts Pavilion, 241 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601
p – 845.471.3348
contact the contract officer at the main entry to the Adelphi area located on the fourth floor.

Hauppauge Center:
55 Kennedy Drive, Hauppauge, NY, 11788
p – 631.330.4367
p – 516.237.8605
contact the public safety officer located in the lobby.

Adelphi University
Department of Public Safety
Levermore Hall Suite 113
1 South Avenue
Garden City, New York 11530
Safetyalumni.edu
Property Theft
NEVER LEAVE YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY UNATTENDED

What Can I Do?

Laptops
Don’t leave laptop computers unattended—even for a second.

Distractions
Be wary of distractions. Sometimes one person diverts your attention while another picks your pocket or steals your belongings.

Cash & Cards
Carry only the amount of cash or number of credit cards necessary to make your purchases for the day.

Cell Phones
Hold on to your cell phone and keep it secured out of sight when not in use.

Instincts
Follow your instincts, and maintain situational awareness. Remember, “If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.”

Backpacks & Handbags
When in public areas, don’t leave your backpack or handbag over the back of your chair, on a stool, or on the floor. Keep your backpack or handbag with you at all times.

REPORT IT.
Immediately report a theft or suspicious activity to Adelphi University Department of Public Safety at 516.877.3511.

Purse
Carry your purse close to your body. Never wrap the strap around your body.

Car Items
Place items out of sight in the trunk of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination. Never leave packages in open view in the vehicle.

wallets
Never carry your wallet in the rear pants pocket which is one of the easiest to pick.

Headsets
White headsets are a dead giveaway. Protect your musical device by keeping it out of sight.

Books
Keep books with you at all times. Do not leave them in public places. Mark all books with your name and/or other identifying information in a specific place.

Bicycles
Never leave your bike unlocked—not even for a second. Always use a high-quality U-Lock or Chain. Always lock the frame and front wheel to either a rack or pole.

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