What YOU Can Do:

- **Immediately** report ANY suspicious persons/activity to the CSUN PD **(818) 677-2111**
  - Suspicious activity includes: persons walking/loitering around buildings for long periods of time; looking into windows; seeing open/broken windows or patio doors.
  - Report suspicious persons or activity anonymously: call the **WE TIP Hotline (677-TIPS)**
- If your apartment is burglarized immediately **contact the CSUN PD—not your R.A.**
- Do not touch or move anything and leave the apartment immediately.
- Stay outside the apartment and wait for police.

What You Can Do to Protect Your Property:

- Record the **serial number** of all electronic equipment (cell phones, computers, game consoles, TVs, etc.)
  - To help police recover your property, record the **MAC address & serial number** on your computers.
  - Use the CSUN PD property record brochure and/or keep this information in a safe/secure place.
- Back up your computer data onto an external hard-drive/USB.
- Password protect your computer to prevent thieves from accessing your personal data if your computer is stolen.
- Keep valuable electronics **locked up or take them** with you when you leave.
- Purchase a S.T.O.P. security plate for your electronics from the CSUN PD.
- Only $10/item S.T.O.P. plates can be affixed to any item with a serial number and flat surface. The security plate helps increase the likelihood of recovery if the property is stolen.
- Consider the use of cable locks for computers and expensive electronics (TV, game consoles, etc.)

How YOU Can Secure Your Apartment:

- **ALWAYS** check that ALL doors and windows are closed and locked before leaving.
  - If necessary, make a reminder and place it on the front door. (“LOCK UP!”)
- **NEVER** use your balcony door as a means of entering/exiting your apartment.
- If your doors/windows do not properly lock-**contact housing maintenance ASAP. Follow up if repairs are not made in a timely matter.**
- Do not prop open doors.
- Don’t hold doors open for others—it’s not being disrespectful, it’s being safe.
How YOU Can Boost the Security of Your Apartment:

- Consider reinforcing the security of your doors and windows-
  - Items such as battery-operated glass window breakage alarms sound an audible alarm when set off by vibrations.
  - Battery-operated magnetic entry alarms sound an audible alarm once the door/window is opened.
  - Removable, twist-shut window locks placed near the sliding window (or patio door) restricts forced access.
  - Consider placing items like lights, a TV and/or radio on timers giving the sense that someone is home.

**NOTE:** If you choose to utilize any devices not provided by Residential Life-you assume liability for any damage caused by such equipment.

Personal home security products should NOT be considered the sole method of protection but rather a layer of security incorporated with other prevention methods.

**Additionally:**

- **Inside resources:**
  - Keep window/patio blinds shut.
  - Arrange furniture (valuables) so they cannot be easily seen from outside.
  - Unless LOCKED in a fire resistant safe secured to an immovable object (such as a bed frame) do NOT keep large sums of cash, precious items, collectables/valuables in your apartment.
  - Consider leaving a few lights on if not using a timer.

- **Outside resources:**

  **Home Security Guide:**
  Get advice on a variety of home-security topics, such as what to look for when buying a safe or an electric fence. [http://www.homesecurityinformation.com/](http://www.homesecurityinformation.com/)

  National Crime Prevention Council
  Visit the NCPC’s site for crime-prevention tips, information on their services and training programs, and books, kits and other education materials. [http://www.ncpc.org/](http://www.ncpc.org/)

  **Crime Doctor: Home Security**
  "Crime doctor" Chris McGoey provides tips on everything from home to ATM security. [http://www.crimedoctor.com/home.htm](http://www.crimedoctor.com/home.htm)

For additional information contact:

Community Policing Team:  (818)677-2107

Crime Prevention:  (818)677-5820