

VCU Campus Watch

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This year, 10 Global Positioning Systems have been stolen from vehicles at VCU, 4 in one evening. Let's work together and make it difficult for thieves to steal from us. GPS's as well as other valuables left in view are a temptation. As long as a thief can see that a valuable item may be in your car, your property may be at risk. You cannot make your vehicle impossible to steal from, but at least you can make it tough.

Rules Of The Road



- ✓ LOCK YOUR CAR! 80% of cars stolen are unlocked.
- ✓ Remove GPS devices and valuables from plain sight.
- ✓ Don't leave telltale signs of items such as power cords, earphones, even the ring left by a portable base suction cup in view.
- ✓ Utilize antitheft devices such as a PIN, unlock code, and device registration. Keep your serial number and registration separate. These strategies are not 'foolproof', but may discourage or delay a thief.
- ✓ Make sure you keep spare car keys at home and not hidden in your car. They can be found.

You are one of many VCU students and employees who can assist the VCU Police Department in improving the safety and quality of life on campus. Awareness and reporting of suspicious or emergency situations to the VCU Police Department can help solve crimes, provide emergency assistance which may save a life, and will help deter criminal activity through the implementation of crime prevention procedures and high visibility. Remember, call (82)8-1234 for an emergency.



Maintenance problems often provide opportunities for a crime to occur. Report faulty locks, burned out lights, broken windows, etc., without delay to work control at **828-9444**.

Personal Safety Tips

*Whenever possible, walk with someone or call VCU Escort Service at 828-9255 (VCU-WALK).

*If approached in a threatening way, don't panic. Try to remain calm and think. Obey your natural instincts and don't take foolish chances. Each situation is unique and you should consider three variables: your environment, your personality and the mood of the perpetrator.

*Report all suspicious persons or incidents, however minor, to the VCU Police immediately. Become aware of the VCU Police Emergency Reporting Telephone System (ERTS) located throughout both campuses.



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Together for a Safe Campus*

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