

Larcenies

Larcenies from Buildings

- Office buildings should develop a comprehensive **security policy** involving all employees. The policy should include a prohibition against leaving expensive equipment—particularly **laptop computers**—unattended. Employees should be encouraged to question suspicious or unfamiliar people, or to report them to the security department.
- Don't leave expensive personal property in **health club lockers**. A better solution is a "fanny pack" or other strap-on carrier that you can keep with you at all times.
- Retail establishments should provide individual **lockers**, with locks, for employee property. Leaving it behind the counter or in a "back room" is an invitation for theft.
- Take extreme care of your personal property while **shopping** and **dining**. Keep it in sight, and never leave it unattended, not even for a minute.
Report all thefts, no matter how minor, to the police department. Greater reporting will allow us to identify and attack patterns and series of crime.

Larcenies from Motor Vehicles

- The best and really only way to prevent larcenies from motor vehicles is **never to leave valuables in your car unattended**—particularly electronic goods such as cellular telephones and laptop computers.
- Preventing the theft of car radios is more difficult; some car stereo manufacturers make detachable face plates or stereos that pull easily from the dashboard, allowing you to take it with you or lock it in the trunk.
- Parking your car in a **driveway** or lot rather than on the street provides some minimal deterrent.

Larcenies of Bicycles

- The facts are grim: **no lock** will stop a determined bicycle thief. However, using a lock is better than not using a lock, and you can maximize the protection a lock provides by:
 - Using a steel **"U" lock** rather than a cable lock
 - Locking the **frame** of the bicycle rather than the tire
 - Locking your bike at a bicycle **rack**
- Removing an essential **part** of the bicycle, such as the seat or one of the wheels, and taking it with you provides some protection against theft.
- *Don't* assume your bicycle is safe because it is in your **yard**, on your **porch**, or in your apartment **hallway**. Bikes should be locked in a secured area, such as a garage or shed.

