



# Theft Prevention Tips

Students are in touch with modern times and have electronic devices and expensive personal property. The most effective way of keeping your property from getting lost or being stolen is to leave it at home. If you choose to bring your personal electronic devices to college, there are some important safety tips you should know.

- Record your device description and serial number and store it at home.
- Keep the device with you at all times. Do NOT leave your device unattended. Opportunistic thefts occur when items are left unguarded in classrooms, restrooms, hallways, and libraries.
- Store your device in a bulky case. Use a make-up bag or plastic container to make it harder for potential thieves to steal it without being noticed.
- Take advantage of electronic company offers to engrave your device or engrave it yourself. The Middle Georgia State University Police Department provides engravers for use to members of the campus community at no charge. Make it harder for potential thieves to resell your personal property.
- If you store your device in a locker...LOCK IT!!! Do not share your locker combination with anyone - even friends.
- Do not leave devices or valuables in your vehicle.
- Mark textbooks in a way that they can be identified, but do not use personal information, such as a Social Security number.
- If you see a suspicious person(s) hanging around a student's belongings or vehicle, report the activity to university police.