



# Police Department

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### ***Central Connecticut State University Police Departments “LOCK IT OR LOSE IT” Campaign***

In response to an uptick in thefts from motor vehicles on campus, The Central Connecticut State University Police Department has officially adopted the “LOCK IT or LOSE IT” educational campaign. CCSU, like many other campus communities throughout the region, has been experiencing an increase of thefts from unlocked vehicles.

A theft from a vehicle is often a crime of opportunity. The criminals responsible lurk streets, parking lots and garages looking for valuable items left unattended inside of unlocked vehicles. They then enter these vehicles to steal the items from within.

The Central Connecticut State University Police Department urges you, as residents of our campus community, to ensure your valuable items (such as GPS devices, tablets, phones and laptop computers) are not left unattended inside of your vehicles.

Also, DO NOT leave the keys to your home or vehicle inside of your vehicle as well. If possible, please bring these items into your room or class instead of leaving them in your car. If items must be left in your vehicle, please ensure that they are out of sight (inside of the trunk or glove box).

Also, please always LOCK your vehicles when unattended. As mentioned earlier, a theft from a vehicle is a crime of opportunity. If you do not leave valuables inside of your vehicle and your vehicle is locked, you are less likely to be victimized by these heinous criminals.

Here are some tips to help protect your vehicle and your personal property:

#### **LOCK IT**

Please make sure that all of your vehicles left outside and unattended have the doors locked and the windows rolled up!

#### **HIDE IT**

If you must leave property inside of your vehicle, don't leave it in plain sight. However, we urge you to take the time to bring valuables inside your residential room with you.

#### **REPORT IT**

Please call 911 if you see or hear anything suspicious outside of your residence, hall or recreational area that resembles this or any type of criminal activity. Please DO NOT approach or confront the suspect(s) if seen. Get a good description of the individual(s) and immediately report them to the CCSU police.

See the attached video outlining this crime prevention initiative!

[Lock It or Lose It - YouTube](#)