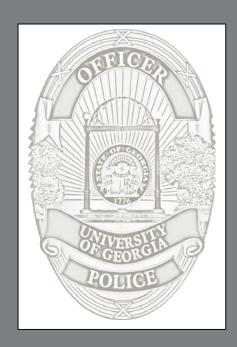
#### **Safety Tips**

- Don't leave devices unattended
- Don't display devices of value
- Maintain records of serial and IMEI numbers
- Install a locator app
- Password protect your device
- Don't allow persons you don't know to use your device

"You wouldn't walk around waving hundreds of dollars in cash around would you?"

Remember this when you walk around displaying your device



For more information offered by the UGA Police Department Crime Prevention Unit or for more safety tips visit us on the web at

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# Protecting your mobile devices

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

**EMERGENCY: 911** 

Non- Emergency: 706-542-2200

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## Don't assume, "It can't happen to me!"

**Write down** your serial number, MAC Address and IMEI number by accessing "Settings" and save in case of theft.

**Download** and enable "Find my iPhone" or "Android Device Manager" on your mobile phone or tablet.

**NEVER** leave your mobile device in your vehicle, on a counter at a store or bathroom. ALWAYS put it back in your pocket or purse.

**ALWAYS** call 911 as soon as possible after a theft – the faster we can track a device, the greater the likelihood it will be recovered.

Customize your device. By adding a unique cover or color, or by engraving your initials onto or inside the case of the device you improve the chances that if your item is found it will find its way back to you.

## Don't be a Victim educate yourself!

The following websites provide additional information on how to protect your mobile devises:

http://www.fcc.gov/guides/stolen-and-lost-wireless-devices

http://www.ctia.org/your-wireless-life/consumer-tips/how-to-deter-smartphone-thefts-and-protect-your-data



### These thefts are preventable at UGA!

If you leave your laptop or phone plugged in to charge in a common area unattended, there is a good chance your items will get stolen. If you leave your purse next to your desk in an unsecured and unattended office, it is likely that someone will take advantage of the opportunity and take your property. If you leave your laptop and/or other valuables in your book bag in plain view within your vehicle, the chances of someone pulling on your door handle to find an unsecured vehicle or entering your vehicle by breaking your window are considerably high.

Just by taking a few simple steps, such as locking doors and storing items out of sight, many thefts of the types mentioned above can easily be prevented. Safety and security does present a degree of inconvenience, but taking the time to keep your property safe is well worth the effort.

## "This is your modern-day purse snatching"

San Francisco Police Capt. Joe Garrity

#### A Nationwide Epidemic

Thefts of cell phones— particularly the expensive do-it-all smartphones containing everything from photos and music to private e-mails and bank account statements— are costing consumers millions of dollars and sending law enforcement agencies and wireless carriers nationwide scrambling for solutions.

#### "Thieves know that carrying a smartphone is like carrying \$500 in your

hands". Kevin Mahaffey co-founder of Lookout a mobile security firm

One in three thefts in the U.S. involves the taking of a mobile phone, making it the number one property crime in America, according to police departments nationwide. From Athens to New York and as far west as San Francisco an increasing trend in cellphone related robberies are costing consumers millions of dollars and sending wireless carriers and law enforcement agencies nationwide scrambling for solutions.