



Campus Watch

SDSU
Crime Prevention Unit

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(619) 594-1991

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Campus Watch is a campaign designed to enlist total citizen participation and involvement in a self-help cooperative attack against crime. Through your voluntary participation, you will learn personal protection strategies, how to safeguard your own property against theft and know how to assist your neighbors when their rooms are unoccupied or otherwise susceptible to intruders. It encourages you to contact the police on any occasion when you observe suspicious activities.

Emphasis is placed upon mutual reliance for the observation and reporting of unusual activities. The most negative aspect and the greatest challenge is to overcome citizen apathy!

The most effective crime prevention device ever invented is your telephone—Use it! Call the University Police at 594-1991 to report criminal or suspicious activity. If it's an emergency, such as a crime in progress, dial 9-1-1 You can remain anonymous if you wish to do so.

Crime Prevention Unit of the University Police has numerous workshops and literature available to help educate you to potential crimes on and off campus, which in turn helps you take proactive steps to help reduce crime in our community. Some of the Crime Prevention programs available include:

- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD)
- Sexual Assault Awareness
- Workplace Violence
- Personal Safety Awareness
- Office Safety
- Anti-Drunk Driving Workshops

Another primary program that the Crime Prevention Unit of the University Police has instituted to aid University community members in becoming actively involved in their own crime prevention is Operation Identification. This program enables you to identify valuables by engraving your driver's license on them. Engravers are available at the Love Library circulation desk and can be checked out with an SDSU ID card. An inventory sheet is provided in the kit. With your help, we plan to increase public awareness and involvement, improve security of physical facilities and reduce the market for stolen property.

USE THE PHONE!

We need your eyes and ears in the fight against crime. Emergency phones are positioned throughout the campus next to buildings and in parking lots. The phones ring directly to University Police. Report anything "out of the ordinary" and watch for the most obvious things to report such as:

- A stranger loitering in or around the premises.
- Someone "testing" doorknobs as they walk down a hallway.
- People carrying property out of a building, especially at unusual hours.
- A person screaming or calling for help.
- Unusual sounds: glass breaking, loud explosion, gunshots, etc.
- Anyone peering into cars, cruising the lots, tampering with cars.
- Burnt out lights, ineffective locks and security devices or safety hazards.

TIPS ON PHONE USE:

Dial 9-1-1 for all emergencies. For non emergencies, dial 594-1991. Emergency phone number decals for your telephone are available upon request. Tips to remember are:

- Remain calm, be observant, call quickly and remain on the line until told otherwise.
- Relate what happened, where, when and if injuries are involved.
- Get a description of suspects from head to toe; write it down.
- Get vehicle description, license number, direction of escape.

SECURITY REMINDERS:

It takes eight seconds for a thief to enter your room and leave with your valuables! Over 90 percent of room and office thefts involve occupants who were "just gone for a few moments".

- Be alert to strangers; don't open doors to unknown callers, **EVER**.
- When away for an extended time, have a neighbor watch your room.
- Keep doors and windows locked, especially at night. Most "Hot Prowls" occur through unlocked doors and windows.
- Keep drapes drawn when undressing or retiring for the night.
- Never give information to strangers on the phone.
- Close and LOCK your door every time you leave, even for "a moment."

COMMON SENSE GUIDE TO PROTECTION

- Drawn shades during the day are a solid clue that no one is at home.
- Maintain a bathroom light all night; it indicates someone is awake.
- Keep a radio playing softly during your absence.
- Do not leave notes indicating that you are away.
- Leave key with a trusted friend; don't attempt to hide it outside.
- Do not prop doors open.
- Never leave valuables easily visible from the outside; lock them up.
- Never admit a stranger into lobby when entering your residence hall.
- Avoid being alone on an elevator with a stranger; stand by the emergency buttons.
- Do not furnish personal information by telephone to a stranger.
- Do not enter if door is ajar or if you suspect intrusion; call University Police.
- If confronted inside, escape at the first opportunity. If you can't, throw an object through the window; scream, anything you can do to draw attention.
- Hang up immediately on obscene or threatening calls. Report to University Police.



SDSU Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.)

A PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT AND SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE FOR WOMEN

The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) System is a 14-hour comprehensive course that begins with awareness, prevention risk reduction and avoidance, progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. It is dedicated to teaching women defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assault using easy, effective and proven self-defense/martial arts tactics.

R.A.D. provides effective options by teaching women to take an active role in their own self-defense.

How much time and money is your personal safety worth?

Go now to the SDSU Police R.A.D. website for course information: <http://police.sdsu.edu/rad.htm>



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