The UCSF Police Department wishes all members of our community a joyous and safe holiday season. We ask that you keep in mind the following information as you enjoy holiday shopping and festivities:

**Theft rates spike around the holiday season, please don’t become a statistic.**
- Always lock your vehicle and store packages out of sight
- Avoid leaving any articles (i.e. coats, umbrellas, CD’s, loose change) in the passenger area of your vehicle
- Ask stores for an escort to your vehicle, especially after dark and if alone
- Never display large amounts of cash and use checks and ATM/credit cards whenever possible
- Don’t carry all of your credit cards at once when shopping
- Carry your purse or handbag tightly under your arm or underneath your coat. Carry your wallet in a front pant’s pocket

**General Safety tips to remember any time of the year:**
- Travel with a friend or with a group whenever possible
- Use well-lit, frequently traveled walking routes
- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings. Avoid being distracted by cell phone usage, or by wearing headphones that will block hearing
- Use on–campus escort and shuttle services

**If you sense you are in trouble:**
- Call 9-911 from a campus phone or 911 from other phones. Consider programming the UCSF PD phone number into your cell phone: 476-1414
- If your path is clear, move away from the potential threat and toward the closest building or public area. Go into the nearest open business or office.
- If the threat seems imminent, yell, blow a whistle or make a commotion any way you can to attract attention

Help us fight crime by immediately reporting suspicious activity to the UCSF Police Department at 476-1414 or 9-911 for in-progress events.

UCSF Night Shuttle: 476-1414  
Medical Center Escorts: 885-7890  
UCSF Crime Prevention Officer: 502-9396

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