



# Safety Bulletin

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## *Auto Burglaries at Mission Bay Campus*

Over the past two weeks, the UCSF Police Department (PD) has received reports of several auto burglaries occurring at the UCSF Medical Center at Mission Bay parking garage and parking lot. UCSF PD is currently investigating these incidents, contacting witnesses, and gathering suspect information. Anyone with information regarding these events is encouraged to contact UCSF PD at (415) 476-1414.

UCSF PD has increased police officer and security guard patrols of the impacted areas, including monitoring for suspicious activity and providing a visible presence to deter criminal activity. To help with security efforts, UCSF PD asks that you take every precaution when parking your car, whether at UCSF or elsewhere in the Bay Area. You also have the option of calling UCSF PD Security Services at (415) 476-1414 for an escort to and from your car when on campus.

**Tips for Preventing Auto Related Crime:** Suspects look for crimes of opportunity and certain safety measures can be followed to minimize your chances of becoming a victim. These are:

- Lock your vehicle's doors when unattended. Remember to check your car doors each time you leave your vehicle.
- Close all windows each time you leave your vehicle. Keeping windows completely closed can prevent a vehicle break-in.
- Park in well-lit areas. Thieves may be deterred if they can be easily seen.
- Clear your vehicle's interior and take valuables with you every time you leave your car. If you must leave items in your car, place these items in the trunk or glovebox **before** you arrive to your destination.
- Thieves like to window shop! Avoid leaving anything visible in the car. Almost any visible item – regardless of its actual value - could be seen as valuable to a thief. Spare change, sunglasses, even an empty bag could be perceived as valuable to a thief.
- Stow your electronics and accessories out of sight, or take them with you, including items such as power cords and adapters.
- Install an audible alarm system or anti-theft device which may chase off a potential thief.
- Be vigilant of persons acting in a suspicious manner. Call UCSF PD if a person is seen loitering on campus, especially in campus garages and parking lots.

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- After an auto burglary, vehicle vandalism, or catalytic converter theft, call the police with your location and suspect description (if available). At UCSF, call (415) 476-6911 in an emergency and (415) 476-1414 in a non-emergency.
  - Make a list of stolen items, including estimated value, and provide this information to the police.
  - If credit cards were stolen, cancel them as soon as possible and check to see if any unauthorized activity has occurred. If so, provide this information to the police.
- If your car is stolen, call the police, provide your vehicle's year, make and model, license plate #, and VIN #.

**Help fight crime by reporting persons acting suspiciously and/or suspicious activity to UCSF PD immediately—race, gender, and religious affiliation are NOT considered suspicious. For emergency or in-progress events, dial 911 when using on-campus land lines and (415) 476-6911 when using cell phones. For non-emergency calls, please dial (415) 476-1414.**

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