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Hello LCOM Students,

Please review the following two messages regarding community safety and security:

- The following is sent on behalf of Darcy Pientka, COMIS Information Technology Manager:

REMINDER – Please do not leave belongings unattended in our campus spaces

It is nice to see students embracing the campus and buildings as their own, using them for study, for socializing, for lectures and team based learning as well as relaxing and having a quick cup of coffee with friends old and new. Unfortunately, the campus spaces used for these activities are available to all of our community and are not private or isolated.

Exterior doors are only locked during the nights and weekends but are swipe accessible with a valid university ID. Throughout the day these doors are open and, even though some internal doors are also swipe access, not all internal doors have this feature and those that do can often be found propped open for ease of access.

Leaving personal belongings unattended in these spaces is bad practice. Leaving computers unattended in these rooms is a draw for thieves. Loss of data and the risk to data privacy and security is a significant concern. In addition, students are fiscally responsible for the cost of replacement of a lost or stolen laptop.

We hope this reminder can prevent someone else from feeling the pain of losing a laptop or other belongings.

- The following was an important message shared via the [UVM Off-Campus Life](#) Newsletter

SECURE Your Home for Break

The Burlington Police Department wants to remind you about **a few simple but important steps you can take to help keep your property safe if you are leaving your apartment for an extended period of time.** Remember to:

- Bring your bike indoors if you can - even the best locks can't withstand repeated theft attempts. Also don't forget to register your bike (see below).
- Have a neighbor who is sticking around keep tabs on your apartment.



If something happens, call the [Burlington police](#) (658-2700). If you kept [serial numbers in a property log](#), you have a better chance of getting your stuff back. For bikes UVM Police suggest you register it with [bike index](#), which works with law enforcement and local bike shops to recover stolen bikes. Police also track patterns and may be able to figure out who is responsible, so by reporting a theft you may help prevent future crimes.

If you do suffer a burglary, you can also call the [Parallel Justice Program](#) for victims of crime to see what kind of resources and support they can provide to you (540-2394). Registering your possessions on the [UVM Police Services website](#) and purchasing [Renter's Insurance](#) ahead of time can also help cover losses due to theft, fire, or flood.

Check out more safety related tips in our [Winter Break Tips infographic!](#)

Please let us know if you have any additional questions, or if we can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

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