

SECURITY ADVISORY

Case Western Reserve University Protective Services

Type of Incident: Bicycle Thefts

Location of Incident: On campus

Dates of Incidents: Month of July, 2006

Incident Description: To this date in the month of July there have been 7 reported bicycle thefts from various areas around campus. The Department of Protective Services is asking for assistance from the university community. Please be aware of suspicious persons loitering in the vicinity of a bike rack, someone carrying a bike, two persons on a single bike, or anyone carrying tools such as bolt cutters or screw drivers. If you see something or someone that triggers your suspicions, please call Protective Services dispatch at 368-3333 immediately.

Additional Information: All but one of these bikes was secured with cables or chains which are easily defeated. One bike was secured with a "U-lock" and it is unknown how this was defeated. While nothing is 100% guaranteed, the Crime Prevention office recommends using a lock made of case-hardened steel. There are several brands and shapes available at most sporting good stores, bike shops or on-line. The Crime Prevention office has "The Bike Club" available for rent. For more information call 368-6811.

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-To report a crime, suspicious activity or any emergency, please immediately contact the Protective Services Dispatch Center, 24 hours a day, at 368-3333. Dispatchers will direct the appropriate University and City responders for the situation.

- Protective Services and University Circle Police patrol the campus continually in patrol vehicles, utility vehicles, bicycles, and on foot.

- Escorts are provided anywhere on campus and locations immediately adjacent to campus. Request an escort 24 hours a day by calling 368-3333 or by using an emergency phone, located throughout the campus.

- Protect yourself by using the campus bus service <http://greenie.case.edu/> or the escort service rather than walking alone. Jog or bike during daylight only in areas you are familiar with and stay within University Circle http://www.universitycircle.org/uc_maps_parking.asp# if you live on campus. Let a responsible person know where you are going, when you will return and how to contact you if you go somewhere alone outside of your normal routine. Trust your "gut" feelings and avoid persons and situations that make you feel uncomfortable.

- Protect your belongings by locking your office/room door every time you leave, don't leave purses, book bags, laptops and other valuables unattended. Keep valuables out of site in your car. Don't allow "tailgaters" to enter secured doors behind you. Report thefts or suspicious activity immediately to Protective Services.

- For more Crime Prevention information and services call 368-6811 or go to:
<http://www.cwru.edu/finadmin/security/protserv/protserv.htm>

- University Counseling can be reached at 368-5872 or 844-8892 after business hours. Visit their web site for information and services at: <http://www.cwru.edu/stuaff/ucs/index.html>

- For more University and Community resource information go to:
<http://www.cwru.edu/finadmin/security/protserv/links.htm>