

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

**Santa Claus is coming to town . . . *but so are criminals!*** Theft tends to increase over the holidays. Holiday bustle and the inattention of victims, the movement of students in and out of residence halls, and a decrease in the number of people in residence halls all contribute to the increase according to police. Also, criminals know that many people have cash, credit cards, and gifts with them or in their residence hall rooms during this season.

We would like to remind the campus community to stay safe – and to keep their belongings safe. Following are useful holiday theft-prevention and security precautions:

- ▶ Lock doors when you leave an area and never leave doors propped open
- ▶ Report areas where campus lighting is not functioning properly and any suspicious activity to CMU police
- ▶ Be aware of “tailgating,” which is the practice of nonresidents following residents into a locked building such as a residence hall.
- ▶ Keep backpacks and purses with you or locked in a drawer, locker, or room
- ▶ Remove valuable personal property from unoccupied offices or residence hall rooms for the holidays – taking it home is the best protection

For additional information, visit:

[http://www.ucsf.edu/daybreak/1998/12/17\\_safety.html](http://www.ucsf.edu/daybreak/1998/12/17_safety.html)