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Keep Your Stuff Safe over Break

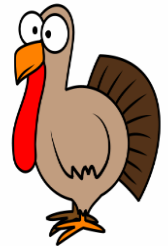
Here are some tips from UWPD Lieutenant Doug Schulz on how to keep your property safe when you leave for the holidays!

- Before you leave, make sure all your doors are locked and secured, and use deadbolts or other extra precautions where you feel necessary.
- Make sure some lights are left on, especially exterior to your property or in otherwise dark locations.
- Clear brush and weeds away from your property, leave no blind spots around your house for a passing observer.
- Contact trustworthy neighbors that are staying over the holidays and ask them to keep a vigilant eye out for you.
- Register your bikes and electronics with the UWPD (<http://www.washington.edu/admin/police/index.shtml>, scroll down to the "Bikes and/or Electronic Registration" links). If your items are stolen, registering greatly increases the chance of recovery.
- Bring valuables home with you, and don't leave anything valuable in plain sight in your property over the breaks.

UW Incident Prevention Team officers will be patrolling the area throughout the breaks, along with usual SPD North Precinct patrol units. Help them keep our community safe and have a wonderful holiday season!



What's Good in the Hood? November Events



When	What	Where
Nov. 17-28	Festival of Trees	Fairmont Hotel (Downtown)
Nov. 23 Parade 9am Star Lighting 5pm	Macy's Holiday Parade and Star Lighting	Macy's (Downtown)
Nov. 23 4:45pm	Westlake Center Tree Lighting	Westlake Center (Downtown)
Nov. 24 1pm – 5pm	Magic in the Market	Pike Place Market
Saturdays 9am – 2pm	U District Farmers Market	University Way and 50th

Recipe of the Month

Easy Green Bean Casserole

Ingredients: 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup, 1/2 cup milk, 1 teaspoon soy sauce, Dash ground black pepper, 4 cups cooked cut green beans, 1 1/3 cups French's® French Fried Onions

Directions:

- Stir the soup, milk, soy sauce, black pepper, beans and 2/3 cup onions in a 1 1/2-quart casserole.
- Bake at 350° F for 25 min or until mixture is hot and bubbling. Then sprinkle on remaining onions.
- Bake for 5 more min until onions are golden brown

Hub Resources-Student Legal Services

For all you early bird renters eager to sign that lease for the upcoming school year, stop to schedule an appointment with Student Legal Services *before* putting that pen to paper. SLS is available to review leases to make sure they comply with legal requirements; help get security deposits on apartments as well as inform students of their rights as a tenant. Located in Room 306 of the HUB, Student Legal Services is a great resource for students looking for some legal counseling. Besides looking over contracts they can provide referrals and help represent you in a small claims court.

Funded by the student activity fee, UW Seattle students are allowed a free 40 minute consultation for each issue they come to SLS about.

According to Carole Grayson the Director and Staff Attorney of SLS, one of the common misconceptions is that SLS can accept walk ins. Although the office does the best they can to accommodate students as soon as possible, it's best if students can plan ahead especially if they have an upcoming court date. The office is usually able to meet with students within a few days or sooner. Another misconception is that SLS can give legal advice without reading the documents. To get the best advice, students should come prepared with legal documents so the legal staff can read the actual language and give the best judgment possible.

SLS operates by appointment only, so students should call 206-543-6486 or drop in HUB 306 to schedule an appointment. They are open 9 AM-5 PM and would love to see you. So if you need legal advice regarding housing or small claims hurry to SLS.



Walking Safely with your Gadgets

This particular walking safety tidbit is going to focus on how to be a smart pedestrian and protect your gadgets! Your hard-earned money (...or maybe your parents') went toward purchasing these valuable items, so maybe it's time you become more savvy in making sure they remain in your possession. Unfortunately, many people don't realize the attention they draw to thieves.

Remember that time when you were younger and you saw that brand new shiny toy in the store that you desperately wanted? That's what your expensive items – iPod, cell phone, laptop, you name it – look like to people lookin' for trouble. What to do, you ask?

In this case, your backpack/knapsack is your best friend. Keep *all* of your possessions inside – yes, including your phone that text can wait – until you make it home. And, the more inconspicuous, the better. If you still unfortunately find yourself a victim of a robbery, do not fight against your attacker, as this may provoke him or her to escalate their violence against you. Instead cooperate with them until you are able to reach safety. Hopefully, you've registered all your goodies with UWPD online or in person in hopes to track your items down under circumstances as these.

Get Graffiti Out!

Got unwanted graffiti in your area? Want to get rid of it? Well Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has the perfect program for you! SPU's Red Wagon Paint Out program provides free materials and training for anyone in the Seattle area who wants to remove unsightly graffiti on local properties.

Before you jump into removing graffiti there are steps you should take such as obtaining permission from property owners, getting the right color paint, and cleaning up the desired area you want to paint.

For more information check out the Graffiti Removal section of the Seattle Public Utilities website.

To organize a Paint Out and get supplies, contact Daniel Sims at Daniel.sims@seattle.gov.

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