

The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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July 2009 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

The month of July presented several crimes involving thefts. Most of the incidents were opportunistic and possibly could have been avoided.

When you come into the Claremont College Community, don't leave your crime prevention sense at home. Almost any crime that can happen at home or in your neighborhood can happen in our College Community. Common sense prevention skills can help make life at work safer for everyone.

****Protect your property.** Keep your purse, wallet, keys, or other valuable with you at all times or locked in a drawer or closet.

****Mark any personal items you leave on campus,** such as calculator, coffeemaker, radio, etc., write your name or initials and an identification number.

****Check the identity of any strangers in your office or residential area.** Ask whom they are visiting and if you can help them find that person. If you are uncomfortable doing this or the stranger seems suspicious, contact management and/or campus security. Be aware of new people outside your immediate area.

****Report unsafe conditions.** Don't wait for someone else to report flickering lights, dimly lit corridors, doors that don't lock properly, or broken windows.

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Selective Incident Summary, July 1—31

- An employee reported that a large amount of currency was removed from a safe. Claremont Police Department responded to the location and conducted an investigation.
- A Campus Safety Officer reported a tree branch struck a vehicle causing damage to it. Claremont Police Department responded and completed a report.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from the breezeway of the CGU Apts., Building E.
- An employee was operating a street sweeper when it caught fire near the seat.
- A student reported that his vehicle was stolen from the CGU parking lot area. Claremont Police Department responded and completed a report.
- An employee reported that several items were stolen during a wedding ceremony. Items removed were gifts for the bride & groom.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from the east side stairwell between apartment #661 and #671.
- An employee reported that his bicycle was stolen from the bike rack between Andrews and Edmunds.
- A student reported an incident of a former student making threats.
- An employee reported property taken from a hallway at Kimberly.
- An employee reported property stolen from a Mead lounge.
- A student reported that her iPod was stolen.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from inside of the Southside Building at CGU.
- An employee reported that one license plate was stolen and another license plate

was vandalized in the parking lot area east of the McConnell Center.

- An employee reported that her wallet was stolen from Burkle, #130.
- An employee reported that fire panels were stolen from the Biology Trailers. Claremont Police Department responded and conducted an investigation.
- A student reported that her wallet was stolen from McManus.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from the northeast bike rack at Seaver North.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips (Stay FIRE Smart).

- According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the kitchen is the leading area of origin for home fires. However, bedrooms and living/family rooms are the leading areas of origin for home fire deaths.
- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, accounting for 40% of reported home fires and 36% of related injuries.
- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires.
- U.S. fire departments responded to 146,400 home structure fires involving cooking equipment in 2005. These fires caused 480 civilian fire deaths, 4,690 civilian fire injuries and \$876 million in direct property damage. Twelve percent of the fires occurred when something that could catch fire was too close to the equipment.
- Smoking materials (i.e., cigarettes, cigars, pipes, etc.) are the leading cause of fire deaths (roughly one in four) in the United States.
- There were 142,900 smoking-material fires in the United States in 2006, causing 780 civilian deaths and 1,600 civilian injuries. Older adults are at the highest risk of death or injury from smoking-material fires even though they are less likely to smoke than younger adults.
- The most common items first ignited in home smoking-material fire deaths were upholstered furniture and mattresses or bedding. One out of four victims of fatal smoking-related fires is not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.
- Smoke alarms play a vital role in reducing deaths and injuries from fire and have contributed to the almost 50%

decrease in fire deaths since the late 1970s. Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms save lives and protect against injury and loss due to fire.

- When smoke alarms fail it is most often because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Nuisance activations were the leading cause of disable smoke alarms

- Campus Safety provides an anonymous “Silent Witness” program available through the website at http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent_witness_program.htm. If you have seen or have information about any sort of criminal or inappropriate behavior, please contact Campus Safety. If for whatever reason you are uncomfortable reporting the situation in person, use the Silent Witness reporting form, which is not traced or tracked. For those who have utilized this program, we appreciate your assistance. The information provided is being investigated, and the department is working in conjunction with school administrators to resolve the issues brought to our attention.

July 2009 Statistics*

Crimes Against Persons		
Annoying Call		0
Assault		0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon		0
Battery		0
Disturbance		0
Hate Crime		0
Indecent Exposure		0
Prowling		0
Rape		0
Robbery		0
Sexual Battery		0
Other		1
Crimes Against Property		
Arson		0
Burglary		1
Theft (from vehicle)		0
Theft (Bike)		5
Theft (from building)	3	
Theft (Other)		5
Grand Theft Auto		1
Trespass		0
Vandalism		0
Other		1
Arrests		0

* These numbers reflect crime reports filed by the victims. In some cases, crimes reported in the above incident blotter will not be reflected in these statistics due to the victim's decision to not file a crime report.

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