



It's no surprise that, as a student, you're easy prey for burglars and other criminals. Car theft, burglary and having a purse, wallet or bag stolen continue to be the most common crimes affecting students.

[good2bsecure.co.uk](http://good2bsecure.co.uk) has been set up to offer some simple steps you can take to avoid becoming another crime statistic. There are also links to other related sites and useful contacts where you can find out further information on the issues raised.



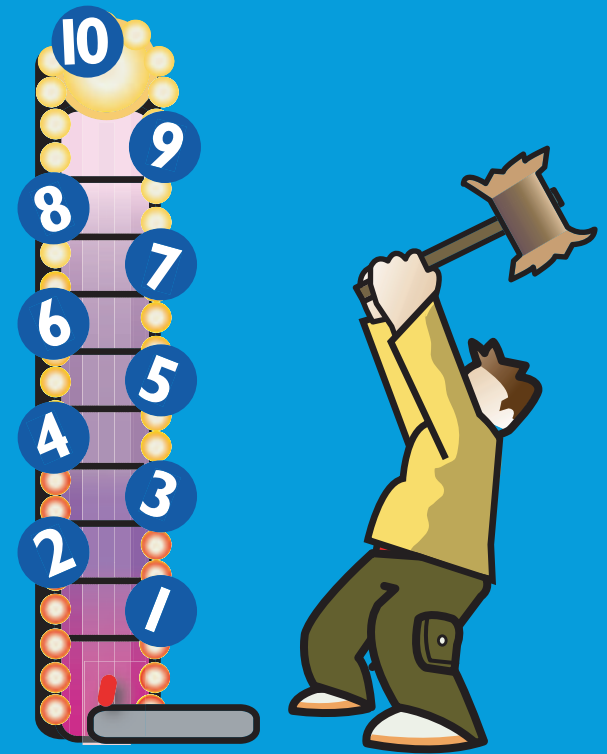
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Whether you have been a victim of crime at university or if you just want to have your say, please e-mail us at [chat@good2bsecure.co.uk](mailto:chat@good2bsecure.co.uk)

## TOP 10 TIPS

how to protect your home, yourself and your wheels



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- 1 **Lock your bedroom door** – even if you're only going to the kitchen or bathroom.
- 2 **Check doors and windows are locked at night or when going out** – don't assume someone else will do it.



- 3 **Make a list of your personal property including the serial number and descriptions** – use an ultraviolet pen to mark electrical and other items with your university address and name of institution or your parents' postcode. Not only will it make it easier to trace stolen property but it can help police gain evidence about offenders.

**STAY SAFE – BE AWARE**



- 4 **Think ahead** – don't walk home alone late at night – arrange in advance to stay with a trusted friend or pre-book a taxi.
- 5 **Never leave drinks unattended in pubs or clubs** – when you go to the toilet, ask your friends to keep an eye on your drink. Men's drinks get spiked too. If you suspect your drink has been spiked, contact a member of staff or tell a trusted friend.
- 6 **Don't show off your cash, mobile phone or laptop, or leave them lying around** – never leave your bag, wallet or purse unattended and don't carry your chequebook and card together. Take out protection for your credit cards and note all your card details at home, so you can cancel them quickly if they're stolen.
- 7 **Try to go to the cashpoint in daylight if possible** – be aware of people standing too close to you and always conceal your PIN. If it's dark, go with a friend if you can and don't check your money in full view.



- 8 **Always lock doors, windows, the boot and sunroof when leaving your car** – even if it's only for a few minutes.
- 9 **Never leave belongings in your car** – even an old coat could tempt a thief if they think there might be something valuable in the pockets. If you have to leave anything, lock it in the boot.
- 10 **Keep your car topped up with petrol** – try to park in busy, well-lit areas.

**“Over a quarter of all recorded crimes are car thefts or theft from cars – of items like stereos and mobile phones”**

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