



TIP OF THE WEEK

Locker Safety

Locker thefts tend to be in, but not limited to, remote areas of the school and / or in low traffic areas. In many of these thefts, specific items are targeted, leading security personnel to believe that the perpetrators monitor the area before they strike. Once the thief or thieves spot a likely target they wait until the area is clear then, by utilizing a small and easily hidden pair of bolt cutters, quickly cut the lock and remove the valuables. This crime can be committed and the thief / thieves can vacate the premises within a few seconds.

As lockers are used to store valuables while students attend class or perform job duties, it is important that the lockers be well secured. The following provides a number of tips that should be followed to decrease the likelihood that you will become a victim of locker theft.

To reduce the chance of becoming a locker theft victim follow these few tips:

- **PURCHASE** a high quality lock. The price of a quality lock is slightly higher, but its value is related to the value of the locker contents.
- **ALWAYS** fully engage the lock. For combination types spin the dial to ensure it is secured. Tug on the lock before leaving.
- **DO NOT** bring any large sums of money or unnecessary valuables to school and store them in your locker. To do so is inviting unneeded risk.
- **DO NOT** record your locker combination on, or about, the locker or the lock. For a key lock, keep the extra key with you in a safe place.
- **OBSERVE** the people around you and know the people that have lockers around your locker area.
- **IF** you observe suspected criminal activity, **DO NOT CHALLENGE THEM**. But instead immediately proceed to the nearest telephone and inform Security.
- **WHEN** you observe someone, other than a NAIT Peace Officer or Security Guard, using bolt cutters to cut a lock from a locker, contact a Peace Officer immediately.

If you see someone loitering near lockers or in the area, or taking an unusual interest in locker contents, be suspicious.

- Take note of their description, height, approximate age, and any identifying characteristics or markings.
- Report these to NAIT Protective Services.

If you have information about a crime, contact Protective Services at 780-471-7477. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Your identity will remain anonymous, and if the information you provide leads to a conviction, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2000.00. Visit www.nait.ca/security for more Security Tips.

Everybody benefits, except the criminal.