



I-pod and Cell Phone Safety Information



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Stay Safe

**Your guide to staying
safe while using your
personal electronic
devices**



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ALAMEDA STATISTICS

Robbery: Robbery is the felonious taking of personal property in the possession of another, from his person or immediate presence, and against his will, accomplished by means of force or fear. (California Penal Code 211)

The Alameda Police Department is dedicated to preventing a robbery from occurring in the first place.

In October of 2009 Alameda Police investigated nine robberies.

In November of 2009 Alameda Police investigated four robberies.

In December of 2009 Alameda Police investigated nine robberies.

In January of 2010 the Alameda Police Department investigated eight robberies.



ROBBERIES OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Personal electronic devices, such as ipod's and cell phones are targeted because they're easy to conceal and carry. Suspects rob people of these items and walk away undetected. Electronic devices are highly sought after by thieves because they are easy to sell on the street or internet.

Police and school administrators urge students to leave electronic devices at home so that they are not easy prey for thieves. Parents should encourage their children to leave these items at home. Police advise the public to conceal cell phones, iPods, and portable electronics in clothing so that the items are less noticeable. DON'T ADVERTISE.

Unsuspecting victims are often distracted by listening to music or talking on the phone and are not aware of their surroundings. This is an open invitation for thieves. Students should walk to and from school in groups and arrange for friends or relatives to escort them to the bus stop if possible.

PROTECT YOURSELF

1. Always be aware of your surroundings, especially at night.
2. Park and walk in well-lit, populated areas.
3. Keep your head up and make quick eye contact with people around you
4. Don't distract yourself by using a cell phone, iPod or similar electronic device.
5. Avoid walking alone late at night
6. If you think someone is following you, change directions or cross the street, and head for an open store, restaurant or home.
7. Shout "Help!" to get residents' attention if you are confronted by someone threatening.
8. Walk confidently, and don't let anyone violate your space. Trust your instincts.
9. Remember that anyone can be a crime victim at any time. Do not assume that, "It will never happen to me."
10. Report suspicious people or activity to the police right away.
11. Provide a physical description of the suspect from head to toe.