The following tips can help you avoid becoming the victim of a crime. By taking a few simple precautions, you can reduce the risk to yourself, and also discourage those who commit crime.

At Home

Keep your doors locked at all times. Your property provider is required under California law to install and maintain operable dead bolt locks for your rental unit. Don’t leave your keys under a doormat, over a doorway or in any other obvious place. If a lock is inoperable you must tell your property provider immediately.

Keep your windows locked when you aren’t home. Maintaining a breeze, especially so close to the beach can be nice, but be very careful about open windows and open blinds. Keep your valuables out of plain view from windows and doors. Your property provider is required to provide locks for all windows.

Register your bicycle with the C.S.O. Always secure your bike when it’s out of your sight.

Fire alarms should be in good working order.

Engrave your valuable property with your driver’s license number. Keep records of the serial numbers of your valuable property. The police can use them to find property if stolen.

Know your neighbors. Know which ones you can trust in an emergency.

Don’t let anyone into your home that you don’t know or trust.

Report any suspicious activity or persons to the Police Department immediately.

Street Precautions

Always be aware of the people and environment around you. Avoid alleys, doorways, bushes and other areas that make you vulnerable to crime.

Travel with a friend. There is safety in numbers. Do not respond to conversation from strangers on the street; continue walking.

Walk close to the curb, confidently and at a steady pace.

If you carry a bag, hold it securely between your arm and your body.

Isla Vista is bounded by high cliffs. Remain aware of this at night, especially if you are consuming alcohol. Each year there have been accidental falls resulting in serious injuries.

If you go out running or walking, be careful. Tell someone where you are going; take your ID; wear reflective clothing; don’t wear jewelry or take cash; avoid unpopulated areas, deserted streets, and overgrown trails.

Car Safety

Always lock car doors after entering or leaving your car. Have your keys in your hand as you approach your car, and check the back seat before entering it. Park in well-lighted areas.

If you think you are being followed, drive to a public place or a police, fire or sheriff’s department office.

Do not stop to help motorists at the side of the road. Go to a phone to request assistance for them.

Do not leave valuables (GPS, iPod) in plain sight in your car.

Fold in your side mirrors if you are parking on the street in Isla Vista.

Security Phone Numbers & Websites

| Campus Police          | Emergency: 911          |
|                       | Emergency from campus: 9-911 |
|                       | Non-emergency: 893-3446  |
| Community Service     | Organization (C.S.O): 893-2433 |
|                       | CSO Escort Service: 893-2000 |
| Fire Department       | 681-5517                |
| Isla Vista Foot Patrol (Sheriff) | 681-4179               |

For more safety information go to the:

UCSB police website
http://police.ucsb.edu

IV Foot Patrol website
http://www.sbsheriff.org/ivfp

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