

## Laptop GPS Software

GPS software may be purchased to help protect your laptop. This software tracks the location of your laptop by using your IP address. Below are some companies that sell laptop GPS software, which the University Police Department does not endorse.

AbsoluteSolutions:

<http://www.absolute.com>

Advatrack: <http://www.lost-computer.com>

Orbicule: <http://orbicule.com/undercover>

LaptopGPS: <http://www.mylaptopgps.com>



## CRIME PREVENTION

Crime prevention has been defined as the anticipation, the recognition and the appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it.

**ETSU POLICE  
EMERGENCY**

**(24 Hours)**

**911**

**POLICE DISPATCH**

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**(423) 439-4480**

Email: [bucprevention@etsu.edu](mailto:bucprevention@etsu.edu)

[www.etsu.edu/dps](http://www.etsu.edu/dps)

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Detach & keep in wallet

### LAPTOP IDENTIFICATION

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Value \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Info.  
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# Preventing Laptop Theft



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## Laptop Theft

The FBI's commissioned study of computer crime shows that the theft of laptop computers is the most common problem in computer crime. Laptop/Notebook computers are an expensive personal and business asset that are highly sought after by thieves.

## Theft on Campus

The #1 crime on ETSU campus is the theft of personal and state property. Laptops, cellphones, ipads, and other expensive electronic devices are popular theft items due to high sell rate. The majority of thefts that occur on campus are "thefts of opportunity."

## Opportunity Theft

What is opportunity theft? Opportunity theft is an extremely preventable crime. Below is a model of "opportunity theft"



Desire- The individual must have the desire to commit the crime.

Skill- The individual must have the ability and skill to commit the theft.

Opportunity- Opportunity is the base of the triangle. If we deny the opportunity, no crime can be committed!

## Preventative Steps

1. Never leave your laptop unattended.
2. Keep your laptop locked in a cabinet/drawer or hidden away out of sight when not in use. Most thieves do not stay in a room longer than 60 seconds. If the thief does not find items to take quickly, he or she will soon give up and leave.
3. Always lock your office or room. Even if you are going to be gone for only a few minutes, lock it!
4. Do not prop open your office door or residence door!
5. Close and lock your windows every time you are not in your office/residence.
6. When you leave your office/residence, tell your neighbors so they can keep an eye out while you are gone. Help your neighbors by keeping an eye on their offices/residence while they are out.

7. Do not position laptops near exterior windows where they are subject to a smash-and-grab type theft.

8. Write down your laptop's serial number, make and model. Keep it in a safe place.

9. Backup all important data daily.

10. Do not leave sensitive data on the computer. For example: Social Security numbers, student information, personal phone numbers, or credit card numbers.

11. Promptly report thefts and suspicious people immediately to the University Police (423) 439-4480 or

