

## ■ Good Hands® Advice

Tips to help you be prepared and informed



# Stay Safe at School

Every fall, thousands of post-secondary students across Canada pack up and head to school to pursue their education. Whether a student is moving ten, a hundred, or even a thousand kilometres away from home, their safety and the security of their possessions is something to consider. Taking precautions to help protect against theft, damage and injury isn't as difficult as getting an A in chemistry, and will allow students to enjoy their university or college experience with fewer worries. Consider these simple tips:

- Whether living on or off campus, students should look into the rules and regulations of their home away from home before they arrive to ensure they don't bring anything that is not permitted.
- A dormitory may seem like a fun, safe environment, but it's important students lock the door whenever they leave their room or plan to sleep.
- Students with items of high value, such as musical instruments, laptops or bicycles, should consider having them specially insured against theft or damage.
- Never abandon a laptop. It only takes a few moments for someone to grab it. Consider investing in a laptop lock to act as a deterrent against thieves.
- Students renting a room or an apartment off campus, should speak with an insurance provider about tenant insurance to protect their belongings from theft or damage. As a student, they may be covered as a dependant by the family's policy, or they may need their own policy.
- Students taking a car out of province, should check with their insurance company to ensure they are properly covered. They should also contact the province's transportation department to see if a change of licence plates is necessary.
- Don't leave valuables in a car, especially in plain sight. Put high value items in the trunk or glove compartment where they can't be seen.
- Keep an eye on clothes at the laundromat. Bring homework or a book to help pass the time.
- Investigate dormitory safety. Look into the guest policy and see what kind of security procedures are in place. If there are any concerns, speak to an administrator about creating a more secure environment.
- Student cards typically act as more than identification. Meal plans and library accounts are often tied to student I.D. Keep cards secure and report loss immediately.

For more information and safety tips, visit [allstate.ca/learningcentre](http://allstate.ca/learningcentre), contact your local Allstate Insurance Agency or call 1-800-allstate.

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