Many Hartford area college campuses have been experiencing a number of larcenies involving unattended electronic devices. The University of Hartford has also been experiencing a spike in larcenies of electronics. Most of our thefts have been of electronics left unattended in public spaces such as the Library and Dining Facilities. The Department of Public Safety suggests you practice the following tips, doing so will help keep our campus and your valuables safe.

- Never leave your electronic devices unattended, even for a few minutes. Thieves love to walk around campuses looking for targets. Don’t give them that opportunity.
- Do not leave your laptop unsecured in an unlocked office or residence hall. Place your electronic device(s) in a locked secure spot. If one is not available purchase a cable lock, which are available for both Mac and PC laptops to secure your device to a solid structure.
- Do not ask the person sitting next to you to “watch your stuff” while you get up. They and your stuff may not be there when you return.
- Remain in physical contact with your laptop at all times. This includes quick trips to the bathroom, Starbucks run, and retrieving your printouts.
- To help protect yourself see if your electronic device is covered by your insurance.
- Turn on your tracking Apps, such as “Find my Iphone” for Apple products or similar products for other manufacturers.
- Most importantly be good bystander, if you observe someone about leave an item unattended remind them to secure it. If you see someone that looks suspicious alert the Department of Public Safety.
- If you become a victim of a similar theft please notify public safety at (860) 768-7985.