During the holidays, crimes such as robberies, burglaries, and thefts typically increase with more people out and about, and carrying more money than at other times of the year. It’s important to be mindful of your safety during these busy times and take the following steps to help you stay safe and less vulnerable to crime:

- Shop with friends or relatives - there is safety in numbers.
- Carry your valuables sensibly. Do not keep cash in your wallet. Instead, keep it in an inside pocket and only carry the credit cards you will need.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If you must leave packages in your car, put them in the trunk. Keep receipts with you.
- Whenever possible, park and walk in well-lit areas. Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
- Always lock your car even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes.
- Be particularly aware of your surroundings when using an ATM machine, especially at night.

The University of Chicago Police Department wishes you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season!
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Visit UCPD headquarters at 850 East 61st Street.

The UCPD has primary responsibility for patrolling the University of Chicago campus.

The UCPD serves in a supportive role to the Chicago Police Department in the extended patrol area: North to 37th Street South to 64th Street East to Lake Shore Drive West to Cottage Grove Avenue.

The University of Chicago Police Department is committed to providing quality service and fostering partnerships with all community members.

On December 7, 2016, Officer Troy Dequaine and Officer Alexander Donner responded to an animal-related call at 6100 South Ingleside Avenue. Officer Dequaine was able to locate the kitten who was crying from a tree branch and with help from the University's Facilities Services department, Officer Dequaine used a ladder and rescued the kitten from the tree. Attempts to locate the kitten’s owner were unsuccessful, so the officers transported it to the Hyde Park Animal Hospital. Thanks to UCPD and Officer Dequaine, the kitten is now safe.

UCPD OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

Captain Mario Tello has been employed with the UCPD for three years. He loves making a difference in people’s lives and being able to help everyone in the community by displaying positive support and equality. For fun, Captain Tello enjoys traveling, working out, attending sporting events, and spending time with his family and friends.