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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent


Boston Police are reminding the city's many college students to secure their on- and off-campus housing before leaving town for Thanksgiving.

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"Certain areas of the city experience higher levels of house breaks due to students forgetting to lock doors and windows and during the departure for the holidays," city police Superintendent William B. Evans said in a letter this week. "Take a few extra moments to make sure your space is secure so that you are not victimized."

Evans wrote that students should: remember to lock all doors and windows; take valuable jewelry and electronics, including game systems, games, iPods with them; and remove air conditioners from windows, especially those near a fire escape, or units that cannot be removed should be securely fastened.

If needed, students should contact their landlord or management company to ensure their locks are working properly, he wrote.

"It is just as important to secure your on-campus units," Evans' letter said. "Do not get a false sense of security that your rooms will be monitored and take the same precautions that I have mentioned previously."

"If you have trusted neighbors living next to, or adjacent, let them know you are going to be away so that they can keep an eye on things," the letter said.

"Conversely, if you are going to be staying home, keep an eye on your

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