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Cell Phone Crime Prevention Tips

Due to their growing popularity, cell phones are fast becoming a favorite target of thieves. To reduce your chances of becoming the victim of a cell phone theft, the Rochester Police Department offers you the following safety tips:

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Thieves may be watching you.
- Use your cell phone security lock.
- Avoid becoming distracted by your cell phone conversation when walking on the street.
- Keep your cell phone out of sight. Don't hang it from your purse or jacket.
- Switch the ringer off to avoid attracting the attention of thieves.
- Never loan your cell phone to a stranger.
 - In case of an emergency, offer to make the call for them.
- Consider using hands-free technology.
- If your phone is lost or stolen, report the loss immediately to your cell phone service provider and the police.
- Activate the GPS tracking device on your cell phone and other electronic devices. If your device is not equipped with GPS tracking, after-market applications are available.

For more information on what you can do to safeguard your property, contact a Crime Prevention Officer at a local NSC Office.

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