



**ONEONTA POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
*For Immediate Release*

We ask our partners in the press to assist us in making notification to the citizens of the City of Oneonta and greater Oneonta area; that as we welcome the students back to our community, we find that there are those who strive to capitalize on their return with crimes of opportunity. The Oneonta Police Department would like to offer some suggestions on how to avoid becoming a victim of one of our most prevalent criminal activities.

1. Secure doors and windows of your vehicles and dwellings
2. Remove valuable items from your vehicles and secure them in your home
3. Do not leave cash or even change visible from the exterior of your vehicle
4. If you are able, park in open well-lit areas with good visibility
5. Call the police should you witness suspicious activity.

Good sense dictates we need to take measures to protect ourselves from those who seek to profit from our vulnerabilities.

*"It is the mission of the Oneonta Police Department to provide professional services with integrity and dedication, to preserve life, to enforce the law, and to work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life in the City of Oneonta."*