The following tips will help in preventing your being the victim of a scam:

- Government agencies such as Social Security, IRS, Medicare and the Immigration Service do not call you to discuss your account status - **It is a scam**
- Law Enforcement agencies will never call for money to prevent your arrest, or satisfy a criminal judgement - **It is a scam**
- No caller from any government agency will threaten action or demand money from you - **It is a scam**
- Any caller that threatens action and demands money by gift card or wiring money - **It is a scam**
- Scams targeting international students typically know about immigration status and the school attended and the threatening action is deportation – **It is a scam**
- Do not purchase gift cards or wire money for any caller - **It is a scam**
- Never provide bank account or credit card information to any caller threatening action - **It is a scam**
- If you believe a caller is attempting a scam, disconnect, make note of the calling number and call a trusted friend or CPSO for advice
- Internet Resources
  - Consumer.FTC.Gov/Features/Scam-Alerts
  - USA.GOV/Scams-and-Frauds
  - FBI.GOV/Scams-and-Safety

Theft is a concern within our buildings and on and around the campus. You should always remain aware of your surroundings and keep your personal possessions under your control at all times. Consider the following in preventing your being the victim of theft:

- Park in a well-lit location and lock your vehicle
- Do not leave any items in your vehicle when parked in a garage, lot, or on the street
- Do not transfer items from the passenger area into the trunk, thieves may be watching
- Keep serial numbers and purchase information for electronic devices in a safe place, and not in the device memory
- Do not leave electronic devices, or personal belongings unattended at any time, especially when visiting the restroom
- Do not leave your backpack on the floor in the restroom, hang it on the hook behind the door
- Be aware of those around you when studying in the library or lounge areas
- Consider making your personal belongings distinctive and easy to recognize
- Lock the door to your office when you leave
• Keep your belongings in your desk drawer, and lock the drawer when away from your desk