

Definition of Petty Theft/Larceny:

Petty theft refers to a criminal act in which property belonging to another is taken without that person's consent.

The term theft is sometimes used synonymously with *larceny* which is the unauthorized taking and removal of the personal property of another by an individual who intends to permanently deprive the owner of it; a crime against the right of possession.

Larceny generally refers to nonviolent theft and is usually a misdemeanor.

Examples of Petty Theft/Larceny:

Student leaves his wallet in an unlocked locker in the gym. When he returns, the wallet is gone.

Student leaves her guitar unattended in a classroom in Wilson. When she returns, the guitar is missing.

A staff member rides his bicycle to work every day. He leaves it unsecured on the bike rack behind Massey Business Center. When he returns at the end of the day, the bike is gone.

Tips to Keep You and Your Property Safe:

- Use locks on lockers.
- Lock doors to residence.
- Lock doors to vehicle.
- Keep residence windows locked.
- Keep vehicle windows rolled up.
- Do not leave valuables unattended.
- Keep a record of valuables serial numbers.
- Report suspicious activity immediately.
- Park on campus lots instead of side streets.

Remember – There are many services on and off campus available to help you. Call one of the on-campus or off-campus numbers listed on the Crime Definitions and Resource site for help.

http://www.belmont.edu/ocs/crime_definitions_and_resource_information.html