



COMMUNITY ALERT Notification



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SMART DEVICE THEFT

Criminals target smart devices for their resale value and the personal information contained within them. The police cannot track down your smart device, once it is reported stolen, unless you have taken steps to help get it back.

LAPD Harbor Community Police Station recommends the following tips to increase the chances of recovering your smart device, in the event of it being lost or stolen:

- **Install (and keep updated) anti-theft software with GPS locator.**
- **Notate your device's make, model number and Unique Device Identification Number** – The device ID number is usually found in your device's settings or printed label.
- **Establish a strong password.**
- **Use the lock screen** – display contact information like your email or an alternate phone number.

If your smart device is stolen:

- **Immediately report it to police.**
- **Activate the anti-theft software** – in addition to the GPS locator, features may allow you to lock the device and conceal personal information, as well as, triggering the phone to emit a loud noise.
- **Contact your service provider.**

PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF A CRIME

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. BE A GOOD WITNESS. REPORT CRIME.

Contact LAPD

Emergencies Only - 911

LAPD **Non-Emergency Line: 1-877-ASK-LAPD (275-5273)**

Text: "LAPD" (and your tip) to 274637 (**Anonymous**)

LAPD Online: www.lapdonline.org (**Anonymous Web Tips**)

Crime Stoppers: www.lacrimestoppers.org (**Anonymous Web Tips**)

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