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How to report a burglary to the police in a foreign country?

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You are a foreign exchange student in Ukraine and you are returning from college to your home. You get the shock of your life when you open the door and find your room disheveled. You check and find out that 5000 UAH is missing along with your laptop. You need to contact your regional police officials to report the burglary. How will you utilize your [English speaking skills](#) to clearly communicate your problem to the police? You need to get back your stolen property as soon as possible and the only way to do so is to speak [influently in English](#).



Things To Remember When Reporting A Burglary To The Police In A Foreign Country:

1. Respond immediately

It is important that you get in touch with the police immediately after you come to know about the robbery. The police may get a head start in locating the perpetrator of your crime as early as possible. For this to happen, you need to keep calm and get your bearings straight. You should make the call to the police station immediately. While it is natural to check for the losses, ensure to keep the commotion at a minimum.

2. Do not disturb the crime scene

One of the first things the police does for clues is to dust the place for fingerprints. If in haste or panic, you touch or misplace the things in your room, you will smudge the existing prints left by the thief and replace them with your own. It will only make the job of the policemen harder. Hence, it is important to keep calm and not to turn the place upside down.

3. Follow up with a visit

After calling to report the burglary, it is a good thing to follow up with visits. This way you can keep track of the investigation progress and complete any paperwork, if required. You can also practice communicating with authorities through follow up visits. In case you are hesitant in the first instance, it is a good thing to take a friend along.



Sample Conversation To Report A Burglary To The Police:

Situation: You find your room burgled and make a call to the police.

You: Hello, Ukrainian Police?

Police: Yes, How may I help you?

You: I would like to report a burglary at my home. I have lost 5000 UAH and a brand new laptop.

Police: What is your name, Madam?

You: My name is Katie.

Police: Okay. Please provide the address of the place of the robbery.

You: It's at 1234 Alexander- The Great Plaza, near Uzbek Store, Kiev. Please hurry!

Police: Okay, Madam. We will be there in 15 minutes. In the meantime, please don't touch anything.

You: Okay, Thank you.



The above sample tells you how to report a burglary to the police in a foreign country. Keep your calm and use your communication skills to convey your troubles. You can [improve your spoken English skills](#) with the help of an online trainer and get the required confidence to deal with any situation in the foreign locale. Consistent practice will help you deal with any situation in fluent English without any problems.

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