How does an AirTag Work?

Airtags connect to Bluetooth for nearby locating. This is done without GPS by turning every IOS/MacOS device into a mesh network.

The Airtag sends out a Bluetooth signal that can be detected by nearby Apple devices that have Bluetooth turned on and that device sends the location of your Airtag to iCloud for you to find in the "Find My" Application. *Signals can pass through walls and floors which in residence hall situations, may allow devices to be picked up in adjacent rooms. This can lead to false notifications*

If you get an alert that an AirTag, AirPods, or another Find My network accessory is traveling with you, follow these steps to find it. First, check on the Find My app if you’re able to play a sound on the unknown accessory:

1. Tap the alert.
2. Tap Continue and then tap Play Sound.
3. Listen for the sound. You can play it again if you need more time to find the item.

If the option to play a sound isn't available, the item might not be with you anymore.

An AirTag that isn't with its owner for a period of time will emit a sound when it's moved. This type of notification isn't supported with AirPods.

If you receive an alert that an unidentifiable AirTag has been found moving with you for a long period of time, Contact Campus Safety in Prosser Hall or at 484-664-3110