



## Crime Prevention News

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### **Congratulations to the Class of 2014!** **You Made It!**



The Department of Public Safety wishes you success for the future. It has been a pleasure to provide service to you during your time at Columbia. To those students going home, don't forget the 31st annual National Night Out: [www.natw.org/nno/](http://www.natw.org/nno/). National Night Out is a national crime prevention event designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, increase neighborhood support of anti-crime efforts, and unite communities. This year's event will be held on the first Tuesday in August (August 5, 2014) in conjunction with your local law enforcement agency. Students who need fingerprinting for professional licensing requirements can set up an appointment by visiting the Public Safety website [www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety) and clicking on "Finger Print Requests." It's important that you bring the fingerprint cards required by the agency with which you are applying. This service is **FREE** for students.



### **It's Back!** **Ride Your Bike to Campus Day**



Want to escape from the crowds and heat of the subway or the hassles of finding a parking spot? Bike to campus! Join us, rain or shine, on Wednesday, July 9th, 2014, 10am-3pm, on Low Plaza (Enter at West 116th Street and Broadway). Bicycling is one of the most healthy, economical, fun and environmentally friendly ways to commute.

Get your bike registered with the NYPD and CU Public Safety and get a **FREE BIKE TUNE UP!** Also get laptops, tablets, cell phones & other electronics tattooed with Operation ID. Get super discount bike locks and accessories.

Members of the NYPD Crime Prevention Unit, FDNY Fire Safety and Education, Zip Car, Verizon Wireless, Sprint, AT&T and T-mobile will be joining us. Stop by and make sure you are getting your student / employee discounts for Zip Car, Verizon Wireless, Sprint, AT&T and T-mobile.

**Helpful links:**

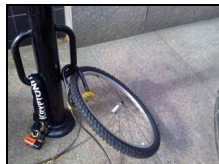
**Morningside Campus Bike Rack Locations-** <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety/bikemap.pdf>

**Medical Center Bike Rack Locations-** [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety/images/CUMC\\_Map\\_withBikeRacks.JPG](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety/images/CUMC_Map_withBikeRacks.JPG)

**How to properly secure your bike:** <http://www.bikenewyork.org/advice/nyc-info/locking-your-bike/>

**Want to learn more about biking?** New York is a great city for riding! Visit <http://www.nyc.gov/bikes> for bike routes, safety tips and other helpful information.

**NO**



**YES**





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**Safety Tips for Users of Internet Classified Ads**

As more people use the internet to find the best deals to buy merchandise, they have also unfortunately fallen prey to internet predators. These predators use classified ad websites and other internet scams to take your money or identity. Here are safety tips to prevent you from falling victim to these internet predators:

**SCAM AND FRAUD PREVENTION:**

- Deal locally; avoid long distance or overseas transactions.
- Never wire funds via money transfer services/money wire services - anyone who asks you to do so is usually a scammer.
- Never send money to a P.O. Box address.
- Beware of counterfeit cashier checks and money orders. Banks will cash them and then hold you responsible when the fraud is discovered weeks later.
- Never give out financial information (bank account number, social security number, credit card number, etc.).
- Avoid deals involving shipping or escrow services and know that only a scammer will "guarantee" your transaction.
- Counterfeit (knockoffs) and stolen merchandise are commonly sold via the internet.
- Report internet scams to the Internet Crime Complaint Center, a partnership between the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) (FBI) and the [National White Collar Crime Center](#) (NW3C). Go to: [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)

**Remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is! Don't become a victim!**

Source: NYPD Crime Prevention



**Have a New MacBook or MacBook Pro?**

If you have a Mac with the Lion or Maverick operating systems, Apple has introduced a free app that can help the police locate a lost or stolen device and, if it can't be retrieved, wipe its contents remotely. Now, with the introduction of its iCloud service, Apple has brought this capability to its computers with a feature called Find My Mac.

To enable Find My Mac on your device, simply go into System Preferences on your Mac, navigate to the iCloud preference pane, and tick the checkbox next to Find My Mac to enable it.

Requirements: An iCloud account, Mac running OS X Lion 10.7.2 or greater with Wi-Fi access and a recovery partition installed. For more information on how Find My Mac works—<http://www.apple.com/icloud/find-my-iphone.html>



**Find My Mac and PC & Mac Phone Home: The Perfect Combination**



PC & Mac Phone Home Software has now made it easier for law enforcement to locate lost or stolen computers. Available **FREE** for Students, Faculty and Staff on the CUIT Website: [www.cuit.columbia.edu/pc-phonehome](http://www.cuit.columbia.edu/pc-phonehome) . The new upgrade will give law enforcement the

GPS location as well as the IP address of the lost / stolen computer. Please make sure you record your computer's serial number and keep it in a safe location; this information will help speed up the recovery process. If you had already downloaded an older version of the software, please revisit the CUIT website and download the new version. Users whose laptops are administered by their department should speak to their system administrator before installing any software. This program has been very successful with the recovery of lost or stolen computers nationally and internationally. For more information please call CUIT **212-854-1919** @ the Morningside Campus, CUMC IT **212-305-HELP** @ the Medical Center campus or CU Public Safety Crime Prevention **212-854-8513**.