

Crime Alert

Bike Thefts

Columbia University Public Safety has been notified of a series of three bike thefts that occurred near the Morningside and Medical Center campuses within the last month. The incidents were committed by the same suspect, a light complexioned, male-presenting person, with dark hair, usually sporting a stubble. All three incidents were reported to Public Safety and the NYPD.

The first incident occurred on August 11 at around 10:04 a.m. in front of Earl Gate on West 117th Street and Broadway. The second incident occurred on August 27 at around 6:07 a.m. at the Black Building bike racks on West 168th Street and Fort Washington Avenue. The third incident occurred on September 3 at around 5:41 a.m. also at the Black Building bike racks on West 168th Street and Fort Washington Avenue.

We strongly encourage anyone who experiences or witnesses a crime to report it to both Columbia University Public Safety ([Morningside \(212-854-2797\)](tel:212-854-2797) / [Manhattanville \(212-853-3301\)](tel:212-853-3301) / [Medical Center \(212-305-8100\)](tel:212-305-8100)) and the NYPD. Timely and accurate reporting helps enhance awareness of incidents occurring in and around our campuses, enabling more effective resource allocation and communication with the community.

Safety Tips

Public Safety offers a bike registration program designed to recover and identify your bike in the event of a theft. Bike registration is FREE and has aided in the recovery of several stolen bicycles. A unique ID is engraved and registered with the NYPD and a highly visible police decal is placed on the bike to discourage theft. The next Ride Your Bike to Campus day will be held at the Medical Center campus on Friday, September 12.

It is important to always lock your bike properly with a quality U-lock or heavy-duty chain to secure both the frame and at least one wheel. Do not lock your bike on scaffolding or street signs as those structures are easy to dismantle. Public Safety offers Kryptonite brand bike locks at a discounted price.

For more information about Ride Your Bike to Campus day or how to buy discounted bike locks, please visit our Crime Prevention Programs website at publicsafety.columbia.edu/content/crime-prevention-programs#



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