

Crime Prevention News

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Message from Vice President of Public Safety James F. McShane

As we continue as a community to navigate through the challenges brought on by the pandemic, the Department of Public Safety’s commitment to the health and safety of the Columbia community remains as strong as ever. Whether you have returned to campus this fall or are continuing to live, learn, and work remotely, the Department of Public Safety is here to support you 24/7/365. As we begin a fall term that is unlike any other, please take a moment to read about some important Public Safety resources that are available to you.

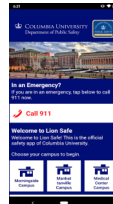


GETTING AROUND SAFELY- Over the summer, Columbia Transportation and Public Safety partnered with [Via](#) to transition the [Evening Shuttle](#) to an on-demand, point-to-point service. The app-based rideshare system provides a new and improved safe, convenient and free transportation service for Columbia affiliates beginning at 4 p.m. during the academic year (6 p.m. start during the summer) and running until 4 a.m. [Learn more.](#)

Other existing resources available for traveling safely around campus include the [Intercampus Shuttle](#), the neighborhood merchants serving as [Safe Havens](#), and [Blue Light Emergency Call Boxes](#) placed in various locations. For more information on transportation services visit the [Transportation website](#).

SAFETY AWARENESS- Safety and security information on [crime prevention](#) and training including a list of [personal safety tips](#) in various situations are provided to students, staff, and faculty through bulletins, crime alerts, and a crime prevention newsletter as well as the [Public Safety Facebook page](#).

[Crime prevention programs](#) and trainings, including [Operation ID](#), [Bike Registration](#), and [Self Defense Classes](#), are currently being offered by appointment only by emailing ps-crimeprevention@columbia.edu or calling **212-854-8513**.



CONNECTING WITH US- A new Public Safety resource available beginning this semester is Lion Safe, a user-friendly app available for your iOS and Android devices that makes all of Public Safety’s services available at the tap of your finger. The app allows users to request emergency services at the touch of a button along with other useful quick links including maps, shuttle schedules, crime alerts, emergency protocols, and non-emergency numbers for each campus. It can be downloaded for free from the App Store or through Google Play by searching “Lion Safe Columbia University” [Learn more.](#)

All Columbia affiliates are encouraged to [register online](#) to receive real-time notifications of emergency events on campus. Registration is simple and convenient.

If you are ever in immediate danger on campus, please call (**Morningside: 212-854-5555; Manhattanville: 212-853-3333; CUIMC: 212-305-7979**). If you are off campus, please call New York City emergency services at **911**.

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Current Crime Information & Trends from the N.Y.P.D.

One of the ways in which the N.Y.P.D. provides updates regarding crime trends and other relevant information is through Twitter. Every N.Y.P.D. precinct has a twitter feed containing important information. You can access this information for the various Columbia areas as follows:

@NYPD24pct Covers south of West 110 Street

@NYPD26Pct Covers the Morningside and Manhattanville Campuses

@NYPD33pct Covers the CUIMC Campus

@NYPD34pct Covers the Baker Field Sports Complex



The N.Y.P.D. also maintains current crime data on its website. The data is updated weekly and is presented for all the 77 precincts in New York City. All of these resources can be accessed at the following link:

<https://publicsafety.columbia.edu/content/current-crime-information-trends-nypd>



Operation ID FREE Effective and it Works!



Operation ID makes it difficult for a thief to sell stolen property & is a GREAT Lost & Found Tool! A unique Police ID number is engraved and registered with law enforcement nationwide. Great for bikes, laptops, tablets, phones and small electronics.

Students, Faculty & Staff who would like to take advantage of this FREE effective program, can set up an appointment right on line: ps-crimeprevention@columbia.edu

We also welcome & encourage bulk Operation ID engraving for all Columbia Departments.

For more information or to set up an appointment:

Please call our Crime Prevention Office **212-854-8513** or **212-853-1440**

Join the thousands of Students, Faculty and Staff who have joined this FREE and effective program with so many recoveries!

Morningside Campus

(212) 854-2797 / Emergencies (212) 854-5555



Manhattanville Campus

(212) 853-3301 / Emergencies (212) 853-3333

CUIMC Campus

(212) 305-8100 / Emergencies (212) 305-7979