

Crime Prevention News

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Congratulations to the Class of 2015! 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 32nd annual National Night Out: 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 4, 2015) in conjunction with your local law enforcement agency.



FREE Fingerprint Service For Students

Students who need fingerprinting for professional licensing requirements can set up an appointment by visiting the Public Safety website <http://publicsafety.columbia.edu/content/fingerprinting>. It's important that you bring the fingerprint cards required by the agency with to which you are applying. This service is **FREE** for students.



Take Crime Prevention with you while Out and About Side Walk Cafés & FREE WIFI Coffee Shops



The spring weather is here & summer is near! Restaurants & Cafés will soon be rolling out the outdoor seating, an excellent opportunity to enjoy the weather while eating a delicious meal. Some would rather enjoy a latte or a cool drink indoors along with some air conditioning & FREE WiFi. But keep this in mind, sidewalk cafés & coffee shops offering FREE WiFi are not exempt from theft. According to the NYPD, side walk cafés & FREE WiFi coffee shops are the **NUMBER ONE** target for unattended property theft. Thieves often target these places because people often leave their guard down, stepping away from their property (laptops, tablets, pocket books and wallets) while going to the bathroom, picking up their food / drink etc. Pocketbooks or hand bags on the back of chairs are also targets for pick pockets. Don't let a thief spoil your enjoyment:

- Team up with a friend to watch your property while you step away.
- Keep your property in front of you, including your pocketbook / hand bag, etc.
- Report suspicious persons or activity to the Manager or café staff.
- If you are a victim of a crime, report it to the Police right-away.



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