

Clery Crime Alert

Hate Crime - Intimidation

Columbia University Public Safety was recently informed that on Friday, November 7, 2025, at around 9:50 a.m. an Intimidation incident occurred on Broadway and West 116 Street. This incident is being investigated as a Hate Crime. A Columbia University student reported that while walking with a friend on Broadway an unknown person approached them and made derogatory comments regarding their niqab. The student asked to be left alone and attempted to walk away but the suspect followed them yelling more Islamophobic comments at the student.

The suspect is a female-presenting person with a light complexion and graying brown hair. They were wearing a jean jacket, a black skirt over a pink flower-print skirt, black tights and pink shoes.

No other information is available currently. If you have any additional information about this incident, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 212-854-2797.

Harm Reduction Strategies:

- Trust your instincts. If you feel that you may be in danger, seek out others, a store, or an open CU building that has a Public Safety Officer posted. Remember to look for the Red Lion, the logo for the CU Public Safety Safe Haven Program, which has screened more than 130 businesses near the Morningside, Manhattanville, and Medical Center Campuses. For more information about the Safe Haven program, please click [here](#).
- If you are the victim of a crime, do not engage further with the assailant as that may put you in further danger.
- Walk in groups whenever you can. There is always safety numbers.
- Program Public Safety Emergency Numbers in your phone (Morningside **212-854-5555**, Manhattanville **212-853-3333**, CUIMC **212-305-7979**) or use the Lion Safe App to immediately contact Public Safety if you need immediate assistance. For more information on the Lion Safe App, please click [here](#).



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