

Medical Center
NYPD 33rd Precinct
2207 Amsterdam Avenue at West 170th
Street
New York, NY 10032
212-927-3200

Columbia's Public Safety Department maintains an excellent liaison with the local police precincts, including cooperating in crime prevention strategies and exchanging information whenever crimes are committed. The police also help to maintain a safer campus by providing extra coverage for special events that attract large crowds.

Security patrolling and safety monitoring by local police precincts also extend to University-recognized off-campus student organizations. The Public Safety Department also regularly confers with the precincts regarding any police activity at these locations.

Columbia Emergency Medical Service (CAVA)

Emergency: 212-854-5555
Information: 212-854-3815; 212-851-1394

During the school year, CAVA operates 24 hours a day to handle medical emergencies. Certified student emergency medical technicians will provide all necessary assistance while transporting you to the hospital.

Lost and Found

Morningside Campus: 111 Low Library,
212-854-2796
Medical Center: 109 Black Building,
212-305-8100

Public Safety does its best to return everything that is found around campus to its rightful owner. If you lose something, make sure you check to see if it has been returned to Lost and Found. If your University ID is missing, report the loss to the ID Center and Public Safety as soon as possible.

Security Advisory Committee

Security Advisory Committees, consisting of faculty, staff, students, and senior administrators, meet on a regular basis to discuss safety and security issues. In addition, walks are arranged through the entire campus to review lighting and other environmental factors affecting safety. Security input is also provided by the Residential Operations staff, the staff for undergraduate residence halls, the Office of Residential Programs, and the Undergraduate Housing Council. An Associate Director of Public Safety serves as an ongoing liaison with these organizations.

Buildings and Grounds

Morningside Campus
Facilities Management
B-230 East Campus
212-854-2275 (24 hours)

Medical Center
650 West 168th Street
212-305-7367 (business hours)
212-305-8100 (after business hours,
weekends, and holidays)

The Facilities Management Department maintains University buildings and grounds with a concern for safety and security. The Public Safety Department, through patrols of buildings, informs Facilities Management of potential safety and security hazards, such as broken windows and locks.

Public Safety Escort Service

MORNINGSIDE CAMPUS

212-854-SAFE (7233)

During the school year, Columbia University Escort Service will send two specially trained students to accompany students to their door any time from 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., seven nights a week. Escorts carry two-way Columbia Public Safety

radios. This service is available from West 108th Street to West 110th Street between Amsterdam Avenue and Riverside Drive, and from West 111th Street to West 122nd Street between Morningside Drive and Riverside Drive.

When using this service, please allow escorts 5 to 15 minutes to arrive and ask them to show a University ID. If you need an escort before 8:00 p.m. or after 3:00 a.m., call Public Safety at 212-854-2798.

An Evening Shuttle Service is also available within the Morningside Heights area. Visit the transportation Web site for routes and schedules. (www.columbia.edu/cu/student-services/transportation)

MEDICAL CENTER

212-305-8100

Columbia Public Safety officers will escort students door to door to or from any of the University buildings on the Medical Center campus or at private residences on Haven Avenue, Fort Washington Avenue, or Broadway from West 165th to West 178th Streets.

An Intercampus Shuttle Service is also available during stated hours within the Morningside Heights area and between the Morningside and Medical Center campuses. Visit the transportation Web site for routes and schedules. (www.columbia.edu/cu/student-services/transportation)

Crime Alerts

The Public Safety Department will issue a crime alert for any serious incident when the safety of the community is threatened and there are enough details known about the crime to provide useful information to the community. Alerts are posted in the lobbies of academic buildings, University residence halls, and University Apartment Housing locations.

Crime Prevention

Morningside Campus: 101 Low Library,
212-854-8513
Medical Center: 109 Black Building,
212-305-8100

Crime prevention is a high priority in the Public Safety Department. Living in a large city requires students and employees to practice sound crime prevention techniques when walking at night, riding the subway, safeguarding property, or the like. A Public Safety Investigator follows up on all reports of criminal activity by contacting the complainant to ensure that a thorough investigation is conducted. Where appropriate, police referrals are made by this manager.

Crime prevention lectures concerning personal property and safety are presented to various groups and campus organizations. During orientation week, members of the Public Safety Department begin this educational process by presenting crime prevention information to incoming students. Throughout the year, the Public Safety Operations Desk offers a variety of literature on specific ways to safeguard one's property and person. Safety and security information and training are continuously provided to students, staff, and faculty through bulletins, crime alerts, and a free newsletter published by the Public Safety Department.

Useful tips on crime prevention are available from Columbia's Crime Prevention Unit via informal lectures that can be scheduled for any size group and through information packets on personal and residential safety. The Crime Prevention Unit also offers support in the event that it must present a criminal case to the police department or the courts.

PREVENTING THEFT: OPERATION ID

Columbia is part of a nationwide program to deter theft by permanently identifying valuables. Register for participation in the program through Public Safety and borrow an engraver to mark all of your valuable property with your assigned number. Keep a good photograph of anything you cannot engrave. You should also keep an up-to-date property inventory that includes detailed descriptions of the property and model and serial numbers.