

Crime Prevention News

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Congratulations to the Class of 2012! 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 29th 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 in anti-crime efforts, and unite communities. This year's event will be held on the first Tuesday in August (August 7, 2012) in conjunction with your local law enforcement agency.

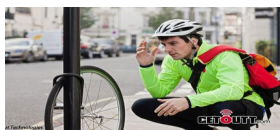
Seniors who need fingerprinting for employment or examinations can set up an appointment by visiting the Public Safety website www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety and clicking on "FINGER PRINT REQUEST." It's important that you bring the fingerprint cards required by the agency to which you are applying. This service is **FREE** for Students.



New Upgrades for PC & Mac Phone Home Lost or Stolen Laptop / PC Recovery Program



PC & Mac Phone Home Software has now made it easier for law enforcement to locate lost or stolen computers. Available **FREE** for Students, Faculty and Staff on the CUIT Website: www.cuit.columbia.edu/pc-phonehome. The new upgrade will give law enforcement the GPS location as well as the IP address of the lost / stolen computer. Please make sure you record your computer's serial number and keep it in a safe location; this information will help speed up the recovery process. If you had already downloaded an older version of the software, please revisit the CUIT website and download the new version. Users whose laptops are administered by their department should speak to their system administrator before installing any software. This program has been very successful with the recovery of lost or stolen computers nationally and internationally. For more information please call CUIT 212-854-1919 @ the Morningside Campus, CUMC IT 212-305-HELP @ the Medical Center campus or CU Public Safety Crime Prevention 212-854-8513.



New Bike Registration Program Added To Public Safety's Bike Theft Prevention Program

Bike theft is an unfortunate reality for all bike owners. With ridership growing rapidly, the opportunity for bike theft inevitably grows with it. It's estimated that each year somewhere between 800,000 and two million bikes are stolen nationwide. Nowhere is bicycle theft a bigger problem than on a college campus. Please **avoid using cable-type locks** to secure your bike, as they can be easily cut. Please use a U-lock to secure your frame and tire to a bolted-down bike rack, NOT to a stairwell or handrail. New to Public Safety's bike theft prevention program is the GetOutt bike registration program. GetOutt is a network of like-minded individuals, groups, and clubs with a love of the outdoors. This **FREE** program allows you to upload photos, receipts, serial numbers and descriptions / unique marks directly into your Gear Locker using your PC or smart phone, creating a one-stop shop for all your bike information. In the event of theft, this program also allows the bike owner to add their bike information and photo to a nationwide stolen bike registry network that is used by law enforcement. For more information please visit: www.getoutt.com CU Public Safety also offers a wide range of bike locks available at discounted prices as well as bike registration with the NYPD / CU. A unique Police ID number is engraved on your bicycle with a non-removable police bike registration decal. For more information please call 212-854-8513.