

November 18, 2024

Columbia College Chicago Community:

Crime Advisory

Campus Security was made aware of two incidents that occurred on November 18, 2024, between 8:30 am and 8:40 am.

In the first incident, on the sidewalk near the Hostel at 24 East Ida B. Wells Drive an individual was approached from behind and had their headphones removed from their head. The offender fled on foot.

In the second incident, near the intersection of Van Buren Street and Wabash Avenue an individual was also approached from behind and had their headphones removed from their head. The offender fled on foot.

Anyone with additional information should contact Campus Security at 312-369-3220 and the Chicago Police Department Detectives at 312-746-8263. Police reports are pending.

General Safety Precautions

- Remain alert.
- Buddy-up: travel in groups through well-lit and high-traffic areas after dark.
- Seek immediate shelter in a public establishment if you feel unsafe.
- Call 911 immediately if you are a victim or witness to a crime and provide a detailed description of the offender(s) including any physical/clothing identifiers in addition to any vehicle description and license plate information.
- If approached by a witness to an incident, request they remain on scene when possible or obtain contact information.
- Never pursue a fleeing assailant, provide information to the police.
- Inform Campus Security of any crime or safety concern.

Safety Workshops

Campus Security and Student Services are partnering to conduct the following *Kick A@@@ - Navigating the City with Confidence* student workshops. These workshops include information on both personal safety and active shooter response.

Student Center – 754 S. Wabash Ave., Student Center Loft (2nd floor)
Thursday December 05, 2024 1pm - 2 pm

Evening SafeRide Program

Columbia provides an after-hours SafeRide Program that is available seven days a week from 6 p.m.–1 a.m. Learn more about how to use the [SafeRide Program](#).

Chicago OEMC App

For City safety and preparedness at your fingertips, download the free Chicago OEMC App which includes a safe walk feature that lets you share your location with friends and family so they can monitor you until you make it safely to your destination. If needed, you can click the panic button to call 9-1-1 and your contact will have your exact location. The app is now available through the Apple App and Google Play stores. To immediately download: [OEMC app](#) or visit the website Chicago.gov/OEMC.

TipSubmit

Submit a tip anonymously to the Chicago Police Department regarding a crime or suspicious activity. In this submission you can include photos or videos related to the tip, involved suspects, involved vehicles, and a general description of the crime or suspicious activity: [TipSubmit](#).

If You See Something, Say Something.

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