January 8, 2021

Columbia College Chicago Community

Crime Advisory

The Chicago Police Department is investigating an incident that occurred on January 8 at approximately 12:45 p.m. on Balbo Street between Michigan Avenue and Wabash Avenue.

An offender attempted to take the victim’s purse and knocked the victim to the ground. The offender fled to a waiting vehicle and drove east on Balbo Street across Michigan Avenue.

Anyone with additional information should contact Campus Security at 312-369-3220 and the Chicago Police Department Area North Detective Division at 312-744-8263 referencing police report JE-106810.

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 for suspicious public street activity and all life-safety emergencies.
- Inform Campus Security of any crime or safety concern.
- Activate tracking software on computers and telephones.
- Utilize resilient bicycle locks.
- Do not engage in financial transactions with individuals on the street that you do not know.

Evening Security Escort Program
Columbia provides an after-hours Security Escort Program that is available seven days a week from 6 p.m.–1 a.m. Learn more about how to use the Security Escort Program.

If you See Something, Say Something.

Office of Campus Safety and Security
Columbia College Chicago
916 South Wabash, Suite 505
Chicago, Illinois 60605
312-369-3220