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Columbia College Chicago Community:

### **Crime Advisory**

Members of our community are reminded to avoid engaging in financial transactions with strangers on the street. One occasional financial scam is for an offender to ask an individual to cash a check or money order for them. The offender may claim their ATM card is not working. The unsuspecting and helpful victim assists the stranger and cashes a check or money order using their account and provides the cash. The victim later discovers that there were no funds attached to the financial instrument.

### **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.

### **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.*

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