



TC Public Safety

Teachers College, Columbia University

CLERY CRIME ALERT

(Timely Warning)

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

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On Monday, March 2, 2026, between 11:00 a.m. and 7:11 p.m., an unknown individual stole a motorized scooter from the bike rack located in front of Zankel Hall, 525 W 120th Street. (The Clery Act classifies motorized scooters as motor vehicles.)

If you have any information about this crime, please contact 911 and TC Public Safety at 212-678-3333.

Crime Prevention ALERT

PROTECT YOUR MOTORCYCLE/SCOOTER

Compared to cars, motorcycles are lacking in anti-theft technology and thieves have a much easier time cracking their locks. A two-person team can easily lift a motorcycle into a van once the lock is compromised.



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Motorcycle/Scooter theft prevention tips:

- Lock your ignition. The majority of thefts happen when the ignition is turned off but not locked.
- Park in a well-lit area and check on motorcycle periodically.
- Utilize a parking garage or other safe facility.
- Hide motorcycle with a cover or when in a parking garage, behind a car or other large object.
- Lock the forks and disc brakes.
- Make sure locks are wrapped as tightly as possible.
- Install a motorcycle alarm.
- If group riding, park and lock motorcycles together.
- Install a hidden shut-off switch.
- Install a GPS tracking device.
- When making a delivery, don't leave motorcycle/scooter running.

Stay Vigilant!



If you see a motorcycle being pushed away by an individual wearing a helmet, this could be an indication that a crime is being committed. Call 911 to report suspicious activity.



TC Safe is the Official Safety App for the TC Community. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) requires that Institutions must issue a timely warning for any Clery Act crime that:

- Occurs within Clery geography and is:
- Reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies and is:
- Considered by the institution to represent a serious or continuing threat to students or employees.

To learn more about the Clery Act, please visit: [Clery Act | U.S. Department of Education](#)