



# BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE Crime Prevention News

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## Welcome Back

We hope everyone had an excellent holiday season. With this monthly newsletter, Public Safety Department strives to keep the college community informed about departmental activities. This newsletter also provides helpful crime prevention tips that can help maintain a safe learning environment. A well-informed college community is a safe college community.

## ID Policy

All faculty, staff and students are required to carry a validated Bronx Community College ID card at all times. Members of the college community are also required to show their ID cards upon entering the college at all three college entrances. All campus visitors who do not have a valid BCC ID card are required to sign in and show a photo ID card, such as a driver's license

## Domestic Violence/Stalking

Domestic violence and stalking are among the most unreported crimes. Victims often do not report these crimes because of fear or embarrassment. There is a common misconception about the difference between stalking and harassment. Stalking is the intent to cause fear or terrorize the victim, and harassment is the intent to cause annoyance or alarm to the victim. We encourage any member of the college community who is, or has been, a victim of domestic violence or stalking, to contact the Public Safety Department for assistance. All information shared will be kept confidential.

## Orders of Protection

Any member of the college community who has an active order of protection is reminded to file the order with the Public Safety Department. This way Public Safety will be prepared in the event that enforcement action on campus is required. Pertinent information about the offender and a current photo of the offender should be provided. All information is kept confidential and is only shared with campus law enforcement on a need to know basis.

## Personal Safety Tips/Safeguarding Personal Property

- ▼ Always be cognizant of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
- ▼ Use your security lock/password to protect your cell phone and other electronic devices.
- ▼ Avoid becoming distracted by your cell phone conversation when walking on the street.
- ▼ Try to keep your cell phone out of sight. Do not hang it from your purse or jacket.
- ▼ If you are a victim of a crime, report it immediately to Public Safety at 718.289.5911 and to the police. Like the NYPD, the Public Safety Department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ▼ If possible, do not walk to the bus or train by yourself. Try to use well-populated and well-lit streets. If you suspect you are being followed, stay away from deserted blocks. Head for a populated area or the nearest open store and notify Public Safety and call 911.
- ▼ Do not leave personal property unattended on campus.
- ▼ Do not leave valuables in your vehicle unattended and in plain view.

## Operation Car Watch

The Public Safety Department is pleased to introduce Operation Car Watch. The program uses proactive policing and a no-cost sticker to discourage car break-ins on local streets. The sticker alerts patrolling officers to pay particular attention to vehicles known to belong to members of the BCC community. Each sticker has a unique identification number and is registered to only one person. In the event that a registered vehicle has been tampered with, Public Safety will be able to immediately contact the owner. The sticker will be issued to all interested parties. Please note that the sticker is NOT a parking decal and does not give the sticker holder the right to park on college property.