Social Media

In today’s world, you do not have to pick up a phone to have a conversation with someone, and there is no longer a need to send mail via the USPS to extend birthday wishes or share recent pictures of the family. With available technology, all you need is access to the Internet and you can reach limitless numbers of people on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Foursquare, and the like. However, sharing information online brings with it a certain amount of exposure and that can be risky. Here are some simple steps to follow when using social media sites:

- Limit the amount of personal information you put on these sites.
- Set your privacy setting to include only people you know.
- Never share your passwords with anyone.
- Be careful who you become friends with on social media sites.
- When posting pictures, do not allow the application to use your location, as doing so will allow everyone to know where you are at all times.
- Online check-ins broadcast your current location, allowing potential thieves to know that you are not home.
- Whatever you post on social media sites is public access; if you do not take precautions to protect your privacy, you may leave yourself vulnerable to becoming a victim.

Personal Safety Tips from the BCC Public Safety Anti-Crime Team

- Be alert of surroundings.
- Do not walk with cell phones or electronic devices in plain view.
- Try to walk in pairs when walking to the bus or train.
- Have a security passcode on your cell phone.
- Do not leave valuables in vehicles.
- Register electronic devices with Public Safety/Operation ID.
- Store the emergency number for Public Safety: 718.289.5911 in your phone.
- If you see something, say something.

Operation Car Watch

The Department of Public Safety would like to introduce the Operation Car Watch Program. 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.

Sex Offender Registration Information

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires registered sex offenders who are enrolled at or employed by institutions of higher learning to register with their local police authority. Interested members of the college community may come to the Department of Public Safety and ask to view department records on registered sex offenders associated with Bronx Community College.