Civil Disturbance/Demonstration

Campus Demonstrations

- Most campus demonstrations such as marches, meetings, picketing or rallies will be peaceful and non-obstructive and should not be interfered with. An immediate notification should be made to the Columbia University Department of Public Safety for any of the below conditions:
  
  A) INTERFERENCE with normal operations of the University.
  B) PREVENTION of access to office, buildings, or other University facilities.
  C) THREAT of physical harm to persons or damage to University facilities.

Peaceful, Non-Obstructive Demonstrations

- Notify the Department of Public Safety at (212) 854-5555 or campus phone extension 4-5555 with details and information.
- Do not interrupt or become involved with the participants.
- Efforts should be made to conduct University business as usual.

Non-Violent, Disruptive Demonstrations

- Notify the Department of Public Safety at (212) 854-5555 or campus phone extension 4-5555 with details and information.
- Do not interrupt or become involved with the participants.
- In the event that a demonstration blocks access to University facilities or interferes with the operation of the University the demonstrators will be asked to terminate the disruptive behavior pursuant to the Rules of University Conduct.
- The Department of Public Safety will monitor the situation to help ensure the safety of all. Any further intervention will be made in accordance with the Rules of University Conduct.

Violent, Disruptive, Demonstrations

- In the event that a violent demonstration in which injury to persons or property occurs or appears imminent:
  A) Notify the Department of Public Safety at (212) 854-5555 or campus phone extension 4-5555.
  B) Do not interrupt or become involved with the participants.
  C) If indoors, close all doors and windows, lower blinds, stay in groups, await updates from the Department of Public Safety. If evacuation is necessary, follow instructions and announcements.
  D) If outdoors, immediately leave area, stay in groups, and seek shelter indoors.
- The Department of Public Safety in conjunction with the EMOT Communications team, will alert and update the CU community, students, staff and faculty on developments and conditions of the event via e-mail, text message, etc.