

## YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY



# Your personal safety

Being a student is an exciting time where you will make new friends and experience different learning opportunities.

It is important to enjoy your city and your campus, our tips will assist to protect you from unsafe situations.

## Safety on campus

- Get to know the layout of your campus including safe paths and exits.
- Contact a staff member immediately if you observe anything suspicious occurring in or around the campus.
- Report any threatening behaviour immediately to a staff member.
- Move away any threatening behaviour where possible.
- Do not leave valuables such as wallets or mobile phones unattended.
- Avoid isolated areas and move around campus with other students where possible.
- Avoid leaving the campus alone.

## Safety on transport

- Use a timetable to plan your travel and avoid unnecessary delays.
- Choose well lit busy areas rather than dark quiet spots.
- Travel close to the guard or driver.
- Where possible exit transport into well lit busy areas.
- Be aware of who is around including who gets off with you.
- Consider carrying a personal alarm.

## Safety on the street

- Stay alert as awareness is your best defense.
- Cross the street if you feel unsafe.
- Be confident and aware of your surroundings.
- Keep to well lit major roads and paths at night, do not take short cuts through parks.
- If approached by a stranger keep a safe distance.
- If approached for money advise you have no cash, avoid eye contact and move toward other people.
- If you are being followed change direction and seek a safe place.
- Keep personal items such as wallets and bags close to your body or out of sight.
- Have your keys ready to quickly enter your home or car.

## Safety whilst driving and parking

- Make sure you have enough fuel to reach your location.
- Do not respond to aggressive behaviour and avoid eye contact with others.
- Drive your car with doors locked and windows closed at all times.
- Keep valuables out of view.
- Park in well lit areas.
- Car parks with an attendant are best.

## General safety steps to take right now

- Take the time to consider where you might be at risk and what steps you can take to make it safe.
- Program the emergency number 000 into your mobile phone.
- Tell people where you are going and what time you will return.
- Avoid carrying non-essential items such as passport and too much money.
- Report any incident to police or campus staff.



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