

Pre-Event Safety Information

1. Planning ahead - Make sure someone knows where you are going, who you are meeting and when you expect to return etc.
2. Where possible stick with people that you know and trust.
3. Plan your night so that you stay in busy, well-lit areas.
4. Travel safely i.e. take care when using taxis/ public transport (particularly if you do not know the area you are in).
5. Only take what you need i.e. phone, wallet and avoid showcasing other valuables.
6. Keep an eye on your belongings when you are out.
7. Consider carrying a personal panic alarm, or have a look for a [Personal Safety App](#).
8. You do not owe anyone your time or attention; it is not rude to extract yourself from a conversation that you do not want to be involved in.
9. Please be aware of the risk of spiking and take a minute to read through the info available [here](#).
10. **REMEMBER, IF YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE OR UNSAFE AT ANY TIME YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE OPTION TO CALL THE POLICE ON 999. THEY ARE HERE TO KEEP YOU SAFE**

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Some companion resources:

- Tips from Crimestoppers - <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/campaigns-media/blog/2017/dec/7-top-tips-for-a-safe-night-out>
- Some advice if you feel your consumption of alcohol is an issue/ you have a dependency - <https://alcoholchange.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help-now>
- Ask for Angela - <https://www.nationalpubwatch.org.uk/news/ask-for-angela-if-you-are-feeling-unsafe/>
- If suffering from harassment on any train text to 61016 and British Transport police will assist
- Make sure you always use a licensed taxi. This will have a council plate on the back and driver will have id showing. In London you can ensure your taxi is licensed by texting Home to 60835 and a taxi will be despatched that is licensed.
- Many local councils and independent organisations offer safe spaces on a night out or community outreach workers whom will support people. This varies from city to city but may be worth finding out what is available locally in case you or a friend require assistance on a night out. These could include churches or halls.
- <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/> - If you feel you may have or have been a victim of any crime will offer support and practical advice.
- Community wardens/Police community support officers will be patrolling cities at night and offering assistance. They are employed by local councils or police authorities to provide a visible presence and community reassurance. They will be in uniform and wearing ID.
- Door staff at venues are trained to offer support and assistance in any situation and should all be registered under the Security Industry Authority and wear identification.
- Police officers can be contacted using phone number 111. However, if immediate risk of harm to a person then please use 999.