

# Crime Prevention Advice

## **Out and About**

- Plan your journey in safety. Avoid looking for directions on your phone in the middle of a busy street.
- If you need to use your phone whilst out, stop somewhere safe to do so.
- Headphones are great but you lose a significant amount of situational awareness. Consider taking them out/off when in more high risk areas like busy high streets or when walking near the road.
- Keep your valuables separate. Don't use a phone case with card holders as if your phone gets snatched, so do all your bank card, drivers licence etc.
- Consider using 'Find my Friend' or 'Live Locations' with a trusted contact.
- Cover you valuables. If you're wearing a nice watch, pull your coat over it whilst in busy areas. If you have expensive necklace on, tuck inside your shirt until you arrive at your destination.
- Back your phone up. Make sure that if someone takes your phone, all your photos, passwords etc are backed up to a laptop or the cloud. That way you aren't losing anything sentimental.
- Know your phone password. Police will often attempt to "Find My iPhone" after a snatch however, a lot of victims can't remember their log in details.

## Public Transport

- Sit so you can see the doors. This gives you an early heads up if someone gets on the train/bus who you may wish to avoid.
- If you feel uncomfortable, change carriage, get off and wait for the next train or tell a member of staff. Do this as soon as you feel uncomfortable, don't delay.
- You will see these small blue squares on the underground. They are by every door and every change of direction when walking through the underground. The top number is how many floors below ground you are, the bottom number is unique to the location you are in. If you have to call for help and said "I'm level 2, number 455" Station staff and police will know exactly where you are.



## Taxis

- Ask the drivers name to ensure it's the same one you booked.
- Ask what name the cab is booked under.
- Once inside, check the drivers ID. Take a picture/screenshot and send to your SAFE CONTACT.
- If travelling alone, sit directly behind the driver.
- Don't give out personal information during conversation.
- If at any point in the journey you feel uncomfortable, ask the driver to stop at a safe place and let you out. Pay the fare and take another taxi.
- Always have your keys ready as you near your destination. The less time you're outside, the better.
- Be dropped off a few doors from your house, if you're not concerned about the extra walk.

## **Spiking**

- Keep your drink close, don't leave it & keep an eye on it.
- Avoid sharing drinks.
- Buy or pour your own drinks.
- If offered a drink go to the bar with them or watch it being made by the bar staff.
- If you think it tastes weird don't drink it.
- Keep an eye on your friends and their drinks.

**Remember:** Observe, Mitigate, Break Contact. Trust your gut!

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