



Safety and Advice for Students



Keeping People Safe

Congratulations on your successful entry to third level education! Going to University or College for the first time can be an exciting and daunting experience. This leaflet has been produced to heighten safety awareness and offer advice in respect of living together as part of a local community.

These guidelines will help you to avoid situations both on and off campus where you might become a victim of crime.

Keep Your Identity Safe

- Never answer emails or click on links or pop-ups asking for your personal or bank account details. Reputable banks or institutions will never ask you for information in this way.
- Check your bank statements as soon as you get them. Contact your bank if you see a purchase listed which you don't remember making.
- Destroy old credit card or bank statements, as well as receipts containing your card details. Use a shredder or burn the document if you do not have a shredder.
- Do not place old statements in your recycling bin.
- Take care when using an ATM or 'Chip and Pin'. Shield the keypad when inputting your PIN. Check the ATM before using it. If it looks different from how it normally appears, do not use it and report it to your bank.

Be Safe on the Street

- Whether you walk, run, cycle or drive, the following simple precautions will help keep you safe.
- Avoid short cuts and isolated areas.
- Stay away from confrontational situations.
- Keep valuables hidden from view.
- Carry a personal attack alarm.
- Always use a known taxi firm or student transport if it is available.
- Avoid lonely bus stops or quiet areas of train platforms.
- When parking a car use a well-lit area.

Be Safe when Socialising

- During the breaks from your studies you may well spend time in pubs and clubs.
- Avoid going to a pub, club or party alone.
- Do not leave bags, coats or mobile phones unattended.
- NEVER leave your drink unattended and NEVER accept a drink from someone you do not know or trust.
- Do not drink from large open containers such as punchbowls.
- If you begin to feel drunk, dizzy or disorientated, seek help from a trusted friend or a member of the pub/club staff. Do not drink and drive and do not accept a lift from anyone who has been drinking.
- Carry enough money for a taxi.

Please Remember

- The area surrounding the campus is residential.
- Be Considerate.
- Be Respectful.
- Be Quiet.
- Be Tidy.

Research has indicated that some of the issues that cause the most concern to local residents are:

- Drinking alcohol in public places. The area around the campus is designated an Alcohol Free Zone.
- Urinating in public.
- Yelling, shouting or singing in the street.
- Interfering with public/private property.
- Damage to telephone kiosks and parked cars are of particular concern.

It is worth noting that you may be committing an offence, punishable with a substantial fine, if you engage in any of the above behaviour.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Police



Nexus (victims of sexual abuse)

Belfast	028 9032 6803
Londonderry	028 7126 0566
Portadown	028 3835 0588

The Samaritans

0845 790 9090 (24 hour service) For your local branch see the telephone directory under Samaritans or Telephone Helplines.

Victim Support

028 9024 4039 Annsgate House
70-74 Ann Street
Belfast BT1 4EH

0845 3030900 (Victim Supportline)

For your local branch see the telephone directory under Victim Support or Telephone Helplines

Women's Aid

0800 9171414 129 University Street
Belfast BT7 1HP

