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Tips and hints for safer living

By using common sense and the preventative measures outlined in this page you can lessen the likelihood of being attacked.

Being careful in public places

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Whenever possible travel in a group.
- Plan ahead; how are you getting home?
- Never shortcut through deserted areas.
- Stay in well lit streets.
- Walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Avoid deserted bus stops.
- If a passing driver stops, don't get too close.

Your family and friends

Always be aware of where your children are, no matter what age. Remember young children have a tendency to wander even in the company of adults. At shopping centres and other public places ensure you can see them.

Always tell your family and friends where you are going and what time you will be returning. If you change your plans ring and tell someone.

Taxis

Taxis enable you to go out and socialise without worrying about driving home. Here are a few tips to make your ride easier and hassle free:

- Make it a habit to book a taxi from inside a venue before you leave.
- Use a secure rank where available.
- If you must wait outside choose a well lit area with other people.
- Ask friends, the door man or management to escort you to your taxi.
- Remain at the rank until your taxi arrives.
- Make sure that you check the driver's photo identification before getting into the taxi.

How to report assaults

If you have been assaulted, call the police as soon as possible on 131 444. If you have been physically or sexually assaulted, please do not wash, shower, change clothes or clean in any way. You could destroy vital evidence that could lead to the apprehension and conviction of the person who assaulted you.

You will be asked to give a clear account of what happened to you, so don't take tranquillisers, drink alcohol or other drugs.

Your vehicle

- Always have your keys ready before you get to the car.
- Check the surrounding areas of your car and the back seat before getting in.
- **Always** lock your doors after getting it in or out of your vehicle.
- Drive with the doors locked.
- Never pick up hitch-hikers.



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