

Cash and Cards

Keep your cash and cards safe

- Keep your purse or wallet in a safe place
- Remember to be aware of people around you when you withdraw money from the cash machine
- Never keep your pin number with your cards
- Take care when handling cash or your cards in public.



Other help

Community Safety

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communitysafety

Drug and Alcohol Action Team

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/drugs

The Zone

www.thewarwickshirezone.co.uk/teenzone

Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse

www.talk2someone.org.uk/young-person

Trading Standards

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/consumersafety

Directgov

www.direct.gov.uk/en/YoungPeople/index.htm

Sex and relationships

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/RespectYourself

email

communitysafety@warwickshire.gov.uk

Your student union

General advice

KEEP IT SAFE.

KEEP IT LOCKED.

KEEP IT HIDDEN.



Working for Warwickshire

Safety for Students

Each year a small number of students suffer from assaults, burglaries, theft or car crime.

Make sure you are not one of them.

You need to be aware of the risks and prevent yourself becoming a victim of crime.



Going Out

After a drink or two, you may forget your own safety, as well as those of your friends.

- Don't leave your bags, coats or mobiles unattended
- If you feel drunk, dizzy or disorientated, ask for help from a trusted friend or from the pub or club staff- don't forget to drink water or soft drinks between alcoholic ones to keep hydrated
- Always carry enough money for a taxi home
- Make sure you know which reputable taxi firm to contact – don't try to flag down mini-cabs as it is illegal for them to pick you up
- Watch your drinks being poured, don't share or exchange drinks, never accept a drink from anyone you don't trust and never leave your drink unattended – get a friend to look after it
- Never mix drinking alcohol with taking any drugs (legal or illegal) – the consequences could even be fatal
- Drugs bought in pubs and clubs are still illegal – do you know what you are getting into?
- Be wary of people who have had too much to drink - you could get involved in violence either as a victim or even worse, as a perpetrator - alcohol is not an excuse
- Violence in the home or by so-called friends, is never acceptable – report it and get help and support to deal with it
- If you don't consent to sex, even if you or both of you were drunk at the time, it is sexual assault or rape – a crime

Your Stuff

You have 'stuff' which could cost a lot to replace, so it pays to keep it safe.

- Try to keep your stuff out of sight as much as possible, when walking around, especially at night
- Keep your stuff locked up and out of sight when you are not using it
- Only make essential calls in the street
- Be aware of what is happening around you, especially when wearing earphones
- Security mark your stuff including batteries, with your postcode and house number using a UV pen – cheaper than getting replacements or finding that a thief has run up a huge bill on your phone
- Get insurance for your equipment – still cheaper than replacing
- Don't give out personal information through social media – you never know who is looking at you!
- Don't accept any type of online bullying – report it to someone you trust and get it sorted - don't do anything online that you wouldn't do offline eg use inappropriate language/actions

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Your Home

- Don't leave valuables on display and make sure they are insured
- Make sure you lock doors and windows when you go out, especially in warm weather
- Leave a light or radio on when you go out
- If you move for the holidays, take your valuables with you
- When moving in or out of accommodation, don't leave things open for thieves

Travelling

- Always let someone know what time you will be back – and any changes to that time
- Don't walk home alone at night – walk with friends
- Keep to well-used roads as much as possible, steer clear of short cuts or isolated areas you don't know, especially at night
- Keep valuables hidden
- Avoid empty top decks of buses – sit near the driver
- When driving, lock your doors
- Don't give lifts to people you don't know
- If you break down, stay with your car (away from traffic if on motorways and bypasses) and ring for breakdown assistance
- Use well-lit and secure car parks for you and your car's security