

SAFETY ON THE STREETS

- When you move into your accommodation, ensure that you find suitable and safe routes to school, the town centre, shops etc. These should be in well-lit areas. Avoid walking in dark alleyways, near the river, or through parks
- If you are walking somewhere, walk confidently facing oncoming traffic. If you are crossing the road, make sure that you look both ways before crossing, or use a pedestrian crossing. Please be aware that vehicles may drive on the opposite side of the road from your country
- If you are travelling at night, you should not walk around alone. We recommend that you walk in groups of 3 or more. It is preferable to use public transport, or to take a taxi
- Do not carry large amounts of cash or valuables with you. We can store cash or valuables for you in the school safe. Please speak to your course director for more information
- Always keep your bag and coat with you. Do not put them anywhere where you cannot see them
- Carry your bag close to you with the clasp/zips facing inwards
- Make sure that you carry your mobile phone and that it is topped up. You should add the number of your Course Director and the School Emergency Number (07985 026 835) as contacts. You should also store the number of your homestay or House Manager
- Do not talk to strangers and avoid confrontation
- If you ever feel like you are being followed, cross the street. If you are still concerned, go to the nearest public area such as a restaurant or pub, and ask the staff to help you. You can also go to one of Cambridge's Safe Havens which are currently
 - ✓ McDonalds – all three Cambridge sites
 - ✓ WT's Snooker Hall – on Burleigh Street
 - ✓ The Grafton Centre
 - ✓ YMCA – opposite Parkers Piece

SAFETY ON ACTIVITIES/EXCURSIONS

- A teacher/social organiser will be given responsibility for you when you are on an activity or excursion. You will be advised who that person is on each activity. Make sure you take their contact number and store it on your phone
- Listen to your teacher/social organiser. They will advise you where you should meet them, and how much free time you have
- Make sure you return to the meeting point on time.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Take note of any landmarks or shops to help you find your way around. If you get lost, it will help us to find you
- Do not walk around new places alone. Stay in small groups and keep to central, busy areas of town

TIPS ON USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Check the bus timetable to ensure that there is transport available, and so you do not spend a long time waiting at the bus stop. You can check the bus timetables for Cambridge here at <http://www.stagecoachbus.com/routemaps-cambridge.aspx>
- If you need to take a bus, try to avoid waiting alone at bus stops at night. When you get on the bus, sit downstairs near to the driver if possible
- If possible, ask someone to meet you from the bus. If that is not possible, once you are on the bus, it is a good idea to let your homestay or House Manager know that you are on your way home

TIPS ON USING TAXIS,

- If you need to use a taxi, we recommend calling Panther Taxis on 01223 715715. Store the number in your mobile phone in case you need it. If you are at school, ask a teacher or social organiser to book it for you
- Before you get in the taxi, check that it has an official taxi license plate. This is normally on the rear of the vehicle by the registration number.
- If the taxi has a meter, you will be charged based on the distance travelled. If the taxi doesn't have a meter, you should agree the price in advance with the driver to avoid any misunderstanding
- We recommend that you sit in the back of the vehicle. Ideally behind the driver
- Have your cash ready to pay the driver and pay after you have left the vehicle
- It is acceptable to ask the taxi driver to wait until you have entered your accommodation before driving off

UK LAW

- It is illegal to buy tobacco under the age of 18.
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to buy alcohol, or to have someone purchase it for them.
- It is illegal to carry weapons (knives, guns, CS gas etc.).
- You must not carry, use or supply any illegal drugs (Cannabis, LSD, Ecstasy, Amphetamines).