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This leaflet is not intended to alarm you. Most of the advice here is based on common sense. If you do have any problems whilst a student at Buckinghamshire New University then please feel free to come and speak to us in the Advice Centre in confidence.

The information above was last updated in 11/11. However, we recommend before you make any decision or enter into any agreement you carry out your own checks.

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For our current opening times please go to our website: bucksstudent.com/advice.
Email us on: suadvice@bucks.ac.uk or call us on 01494 603 016.

Appointments can often be arranged outside our published times so please ask. We will usually be able to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours during term-time, but often more quickly.

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SAFE ON THE STREET

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Safe on the street

During your time at Buckinghamshire New University the chances of you being a victim of crime are, thankfully, statistically very low. However we are aware that every year a few students do have crimes committed against them, so it is important to be aware of this, and to take reasonable precautions.

Take a few minutes to read the following, much of which you will probably already be aware of, then IF the unthinkable does happen, at least you will be prepared as to what you can do to help yourself.



Out and about

- Try not to be out alone, particularly at night. If you do have to travel alone at night, ask someone to meet you, or tell a friend that you will call them when you arrive.
- Avoid taking shortcuts through dark alleys, parks or wasteland.
- Do **not** walk around with your mobile phone stuck to your ear, it may look cool but it makes it very easy to nick.
- Park your car or bike in a well lit area and make sure it is securely locked when you leave it.
- Ask for directions at the University, in a shop or in a garage - don't stop passers-by. Walk confidently as if you know where you are going.
- Get a personal attack alarm available from D.I.Y

stores. Make sure it is of the type which continues to sound even if you drop it. Keep it in an easily accessible place.

- If you think you're being followed: Check by crossing the street and see if they follow, if they do, then cross back again and check. If you are still worried, then get to the nearest public place, a shop, pub or anywhere with lights on and call the police on 999.
- Try not to use cash-points at night, but if you do have to, be aware of people hanging around, and have your friends with you.
- If a stranger approaches you, **don't** get involved, **don't** give any personal information and **keep walking**, say that you are in a hurry. This may be unfriendly, but better safe than sorry. It is best to avoid eye contact with strangers in the street. It is not normal for a stranger to start talking to you, so if someone does then be very suspicious of their intentions.

- Never ever get into a car with people you do not know. (I know this sounds obvious, but it is worth pointing out that once you have got into the car the person driving has **total** control of where they take you).

- If someone attempts to steal something from you, don't resist. Your safety comes first. You can help by noting what they look like. Ring the police immediately; pass on their description and the direction they went off in.



If the worst happens and you are attacked

- Scream and shout.
- Set off your personal attack alarm if you have one.
- Get away as quickly as possible.
- Always ring the police immediately after getting away, don't leave it until you get home.

It's a lot to ask, but if there is a vehicle involved try to make a mental note of the registration. Write it down as quickly as possible and hand it to the police on their arrival.