

Norfolk & Suffolk Crime Prevention

Guidance Note

Celebrate Christmas Safely



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Our Priority is You

Think safe and stay safe, that's our message as you plan and take part in festive celebrations. Everyone wants to have fun at this time of year, but we want to remind people to look after themselves, and their friends.

We are also advising party goers to drink within their limits and remain in control. It can be easy to get carried away with the atmosphere, but having that awareness will mean that your night is a good one.

If you are planning a night out, read out our top tips on celebrating safely:

- Stick with friends, look out for one another and make sure you all get home safely.
- Arrange a meeting point and rendezvous times in case you get separated from friends.
- Pre-book safe transport home and do not accept lifts from strangers.
- Save the number of a licensed taxi firm in your mobile phone. Always check the driver's identification and never get into an unlicensed taxi.
- Avoid walking alone and never take short cuts through dark alleys or large open spaces.
- Stash some cash in case you lose your purse or wallet.
- Don't make yourself vulnerable by getting too drunk – know your limits.
- Store an ICE (in case of emergency) number in your phone.

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- Think: Keys, money, phone, plans to get home.
- Keep an eye on your drinks and never leave them unattended. Even soft drinks could get spiked.
- Getting behind the wheel after drinking can have tragic consequences, our advice is simple, don't drink and drive.

If you need police assistance during the festive season, dial **999** in an emergency or if a crime is in progress, and in a non-emergency, please dial **101**.

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