

# CRIME PREVENTION



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

## SAFETY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The South Australia Police Community Relations Section develops strategies to prevent crime and the fear of crime within the community. We work in partnership with the community to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and conduct business.

All students have the right to be and feel safe and it is important, no matter what your age or circumstances, that you discuss with your parents strategies on staying safe. Consider these safety tips when you are out and about:

- Check timetables of public transport so you can limit long waiting periods at stops.
- If possible meet up with other students either at your stop or while travelling.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Where possible, sit close to the driver.
- Select to sit with another passenger as opposed to having someone choosing to sit next to you.
- If the behaviour of someone is offensive or illegal, move away and tell the driver immediately and contact police.
- When out walking always be alert, walk with confidence and stay in populated areas.
- Walk against the flow of traffic if possible and walk with other students.
- Don't take short cuts through dark streets, laneways or isolated parks.
- If someone in a car stops and asks for directions, do not stop and continue walking.
- Never get into a vehicle with someone you don't know or don't feel comfortable with.
- When using headphones, only have one earpiece in so you can still hear everything around you.
- If you take a regular route to school, identify safe places you could go for help. This may be a friend's house, local shop, hospital, or Safety Assist house.
- If you are going somewhere before or after school, tell an adult where you are going.
- Consider carrying a personal alarm in your bag.

If you are concerned about the behaviour of others while travelling on public transport, it is important to let your school administration staff or an adult know immediately. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) is installed on all trains, trams and buses which may assist police in an investigation.

### If you find yourself in a dangerous situation:

- Trust your instincts and leave the area immediately.
- Yell for help and make a lot of noise to draw attention to you.
- Make a note of the person or vehicle registration number. e.g. on your mobile phone.
- Seek refuge somewhere safe, and immediately call Police.

Remember if you see anything suspicious or see inappropriate behaviour, immediately advise an adult or the police. **In emergency ring Triple Zero (000) or 131 444 for police assistance.**

If you have any questions concerning this fact sheet, please contact the Crime Prevention Section at your nearest police station or visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au)

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