WHEN YOU’RE USING CASH MACHINES

» Do not let anyone see you enter your PIN.
» Try not to use a cash point late at night or in a deserted place.
» Never count money in the street – put it away immediately.
» Do not write your PIN down.
» Be aware of your surroundings and don’t be distracted.
» Stop, look and check the machine for anything unusual. If in doubt, do not use.
» Be aware of your surroundings and anyone trying to distract you while you are withdrawing money. If you are not sure, cancel your transaction and get money from an alternative cash machine.
» Where possible, avoid displaying or using your mobile phone in public.
» Keep the phone with you and do not leave it unattended.
» Always use the phone’s security lock code or PIN.
» Record the phone’s IMEI number. To get this number dial *#06# on your mobile phone and register on www.immobilise.com

USEFUL NUMBERS

In an emergency dial 999.
Greater Manchester Police
101
Crimestoppers
0800 555 111
gmp.police.uk/students.htm

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YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY CAN DEPEND ON THE CHOICES YOU MAKE
**CHOOSE TO BE SAFE**

The decisions you make have a huge impact on your personal safety.

It’s highly unlikely that you’ll be a victim of crime, but by making the right choices you can reduce the risk even further.

Then you’ll have a great, and a safe, time in our great city.

**THE RIGHT CHOICES WHEN YOU’RE ON FOOT**

» Be alert – walk with purpose and confidence.
» Plan your route and avoid short cuts through unlit or deserted areas.
» Whenever possible do not walk alone.
» Let someone know where you are going and your time of return.
» Walk facing the traffic so a car cannot suddenly pull up behind you.
» Be aware of your surroundings – a personal music player may prevent you from hearing traffic or somebody approaching from behind.
» Cover up your mobile, iPod, and jewellery.
» On a night out, stay with your friends.
» If possible, carry a personal alarm. If you are confronted, use it, then run and shout to attract attention.
» If you are using a handbag, keep it close to you and do not leave it unattended.
» Ensure that your keys are close to hand when returning to your home or car.
» If your bag is snatched, do not resist and shout for help.
» If you think you are being followed, go to the nearest place where there are people, such as a pub, shop, or well-lit house and call the police.
» If a car stops and the occupant asks for directions, keep your distance.
» Do not hitchhike or accept lifts from strangers.

**WHEN YOU’RE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

» Wait where it is well lit and there are other people.
» On a station, stand well back on the platform.
» On a bus, the safest place to sit is near the driver or conductor.
» On a train, sit with other people. Avoid empty carriages.
» If you feel uneasy or threatened, move to another seat or carriage. If necessary, tell the driver, conductor or guard.

**WHEN YOU’RE USING A CAB**

» Use a licensed taxi or private hire vehicle from a recognised firm or official taxi rank.
» Look for the official licence plate and number, and ask to see the driver’s badge if it isn’t visible.
» Do not get into a cab you have not asked for.
» Make sure you have the telephone number of the cab company you use.
» If possible, share a cab with a friend.
» Always sit in the back. If you chat to the driver, do not give away any personal details.

If the driver makes you feel uneasy, ask him to stop at a busy public place and get out. If he refuses to stop, raise the alarm by waving or shouting out of the window and phone 999.