

# MARCH NEWSLETTER 2017



## SAFEGUARDING: STREET SAFETY

### Welcome

Welcome to the newsletter, we'll be updating the newsletter every other month with regular hints and tips. This month we are focussing on **Street Safety**

**Anyone** can become a victim of street crime but there are ways to reduce your chances of becoming the next target.

### Tips for staying safe

#### Out and about

- Plan your route before you leave to avoid looking lost.
- Let friends know where you're going and when you expect to get back.
- Carry a personal attack alarm. Again, having one with you will make you feel that bit more confident .
- Stick to busy, well-lit places.
- Avoid walking alone at night, especially in unfamiliar territory.
- If you think you're being followed on foot, cross road and keep walking.
- If you still think you're being

followed make for somewhere busy and well lit. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

- Be aware of your surroundings, if you see anything or anyone suspicious, report it to the local police!

### Cash machines/ATMs

We all appreciate the convenience of Cash Machines for a source of money, however some thieves think the same thing

- Never write down your personal identification number (PIN)
- Do not let anyone see you input your PIN, and if you are interrupted or distracted by anyone when using a cash machine, cancel the transaction and try to recover the card.
- if your card is not returned by the cash machine, report it to your card issuer immediately

### Mobile Phones

Its, 2017, we all have Mobile Phones, and they're great in an emergency, for our peach of min and for keeping in contact.

Unfortunately they are also an easy target. **38% of all robberies involve the theft of a mobile.**



## Facts about Mobile Phone theft

- 90% of offenders are male and 80% of victims are also male
- The majority of robberies are committed by offenders working in groups
- The peak age for offenders is 16
- The peak time for theft of mobiles belonging to people under the age of 18 is between 2pm and 10pm
- For over 18s the peak time for theft is between 10pm and 6am
- A mobile phone is stolen around every three minutes in the UK

## Car Parks

Don't just pull into the first available spot you see. Choose to park in a spot that's well lit, highly visible (where there are no structures hiding you from view) and that has a clear path to the exit. When leaving and returning to your car, be alert and walk with keys in hand.

## Terrorism

What to do if you see something suspicious;

- Do not touch or approach
- If you still think it's suspicious, don't feel embarrassed or think anybody else will report it
- Report it to a member of staff, security, or if they are not

available dial 999 (do not use your mobile phone in the immediate vicinity)

- Move away to a safe distance - Even for a small item such as a briefcase move at least 100m away from the item starting from the centre and moving out

**Remember - If you think it's suspicious, SAY SOMETHING**

### Useful Links

#### **Victim Support**

0845 30 30 900

[www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)

Victim Support helps people cope with the effects of crime.

#### **Crimestoppers**

0800 555 111

[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

Crimestoppers is an independent UK-wide charity working to stop crime. You can call them anonymously.

#### **Metropolitan Police**

[Report possible terrorist activity online](#)

If you see anything or anything suspicious call the local police or the police anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321. You can also report it online on the Met police website.,

## 9 Protected Characteristics;

- Age
- Disability
- Gender Reassignment
- Marriage & Civil Partnership
- Pregnancy & Maternity
- Race
- Religion or Belief (including lack of belief)
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation

## British Values

British Values are defined as;

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

**If you wish to raise an issue of safeguarding for a learner or individual related to Steadfast Training Ltd in any way, please contact the centre immediately on: 0845 223 2401.**

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