

# Wolverhampton Police

Dear Headteacher/Principal/Head of School

With the onset of darker nights we would like to ask you and your staff to assist us in offering your students some simple safety advice.

Whether they are walking, cycling or taking public transport to school here is some simple safety advice to help them stay safe.

## Out and about

- If possible walk with a friend or group of friends.
- Stay alert – keep an eye on everything that is happening around you.
- Avoid wearing earphones or chatting on your mobile phone, as this will distract you from your surroundings.
- Trust your instincts – if you have a 'funny feeling' about someone or something, don't ignore it, act on it straight away.
- Take the route you know best and stick to busy, well-lit streets.
- Walk in the middle of the pavement, facing oncoming traffic. This will avoid any cars driving up alongside you as you walk.
- Think about your route home. Where would be a safe place to go if something went wrong? Safe places might be busy places like shops or garages, friends' houses or a police station.
- Have your keys ready as you approach your home so you can get inside quickly.

Thank you,

**Wolverhampton Police**



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