

New South Wales Police Force

Your Personal Safety and Security

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Background

- Australia is a very friendly and safe place to live, study and travel
- Australia has a mix of people from all over the world and welcomes visitors, students and new immigrants to enjoy being part of the Australian Community.
- For you, as an overseas student, living in Sydney is a new experience. Many things will not be familiar to you and you will often feel isolated or unsure of things in your new surroundings
- Whilst studying in Australia, and in Sydney, is very exciting, you must be aware of your own personal safety and security – just as you would need to do in your own country.



Background Continued....

- To help enjoy your time in Australia, we have prepared some tips that will ensure that your time studying here in Sydney is safe and secure
- **REMEMBER** – We can only give you tips on things to do, **YOU** must take responsibility for your safety and the security of your things whilst in Australia – the tips we will provide you with today are being aware of your environment around you, so that you are able to make decisions about keeping safe and apply to everyone within the Australian Community.
- Enjoy your study and enjoy your stay in Australia
- *Welcome to Sydney !*



Tips for Your Safety

- After dark, walk in well lit areas. Always walk on the footpath and don't walk in-between buildings or in alleys. Stay where people can see you.
- Go out with groups of friends – make sure they are people you know.
- Walk with confidence. Even if you are lost, act like you know where you are going.
- Park your car in well-lit areas and where there is a lot of traffic.
- Always inspect your car before getting in. As you approach, look around your car to see if anyone is hiding.
- Always drive with your doors locked.



Tips for Your Safety

- Carry a photocopy of all your identification and credit cards in case you lose something. This will allow you to identify yourself if needed.
- If you lose your credit card or ATM cards, report them immediately.
- Walk close to kerbs and away from doors and bushes.
- Have your keys ready as you approach your car, office or house so you can enter quickly.
- Avoid isolated bus stops.
- When using public transport, sit in a place where there are a lot other travellers or a guard. On a bus, sit as close a possible to the driver and not behind the rear door – a rear door is a quick way for criminals to escape.



Tips for Your Safety

- Stay away from anyone who claims to be a member of a gang.
- Avoid arguing with people from another group. It is always best to walk away and report it to the police.
- Don't show that you have money, jewellery or other valuable things. Don't tell anyone how wealthy you or your family are – this may encourage people to try and rob you or your family.
- Use ATM machines during the day and also try and use ATMs where there are a lot of people around. Have a friend with you when you withdraw money.
- Don't carry large amounts of money or keep large amounts of money at home.
- Don't go to bars, clubs, karaoke bars, or internet cafes that have a bad reputation.



Tips for Your Safety

- Be cautious of people you don't know especially if they offer you drinks or free meals and ask you to go with them somewhere.
- Don't give strangers your personal information, such as your address.
- When carrying your valuables, such as mobile phones, laptops or other – ensure that you carry them out of sight (if possible) in a secure bag – and securely.
- Record the details of your valuables, serial number and individually mark them for ease of identification.
- When walking around, take note of your surroundings, if you see something suspicious – confidently observe the details – such as location, physical description, actions of the persons, clothing, distinguishing features and any vehicles. Such information will be sought by the police and assists greatly in the apprehension of an offender.



What do I do if I am a victim of Crime?

- Immediately report ALL types of crime to the police – including any threats or demands from money. Police WANT to and CAN help solve these problems, but you must first report it!
- When you have an emergency and need immediate help, **dial 000** and ask for the Police.

If you are unable to speak or are restricted – **dial 000** then dial **55** and you will get a police response to the address details on the phone on which you are calling.
- If something is not an emergency, but you feel uncomfortable or unsure of somebody or something, report it to the police – they welcome any information or concerns you have. You can report these things in any of the following ways:
 - Go to your local police station.
 - Call the Police Assistance Line (PAL) on: 131 444.
 - Call Crime Stoppers on: 1800 333 000
- Store your local Police Station phone number in your mobile phone.
- Make sure your address details are up to date in respect to your phone, as police can identify a caller to 000 by home or mobile phone.
- The reporting of suspicious behaviour and incidents / crimes is very important as it enables the Police to respond.



What do I do if I am a victim of Crime?

When calling police – you need to.....

- Identify yourself and your location
- If you are not understood – identify language spoken
(An interpreter will then be provided and a three way conversation will be maintained to ensure an adequate response)
- Identify the threat or danger
- Provide details of your location – to better locate it.
(Unit Number, identifying feature)
- Are you injured – or is anybody else injured
- What is happening
- Provide a description of the incident and offender
- Confirm details on request



*We hope you study hard for your
successful future and enjoy your time
in Australia, Welcome!*



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Police, Fire, Ambulance
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In an emergency

Crime Stoppers
1800 333 000
Report crime anonymously

Police Assistance Line
131 444
For non-emergencies



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