

Police Urge Public to Stay Safe on Nights Out During Christmas and New Year



Police in Edinburgh are urging people to stay safe during festive nights out within the Capital.

Officers have been engaging with the public to offer a range of crime prevention advice and additional resources are supporting local policing teams to provide a high-visibility presence throughout the city during the holiday season.

Many members of our communities are due to attend Christmas nights out within Edinburgh in the coming weeks, meaning a busier city-centre with restaurants, pubs and clubs will all seeing increased business.

With this in mind, police are keen to make sure everyone remains safe while out and about.

Police Scotland's Good Nights Out, Get Home Safely campaign is once again being launched to provide the public with all the necessary advice and guidance to ensure an enjoyable, but safe time in the Capital.

The campaign has run for a number of years within Edinburgh whenever the city experiences increased footfall.

A special leaflet containing all relevant safety information will be available for download on the Force's website from today and will also be tweeted from a number of Police Scotland's Twitter accounts.

Chief Inspector Bob Paris said: "We all enjoy celebrating with our friends and family over the holiday season and many of us

will be heading into Edinburgh's city centre for office parties, Christmas dinners and the New Year festivities.

"Police Scotland is committed to keeping people safe throughout the festive period and by following a few simple precautions the public can safeguard themselves against crime and ensure their evenings out are memorable for all the right reasons.

"Before heading into town, plan your night in advance and know where you're going and just as important, how you're getting home.

"If moving from one place to another, travel with friends or people you trust and go via well-lit and populated areas. If you need to travel alone then consider using public transport or calling a taxi.

"Most importantly though, we want you to enjoy your evening and the wonderful atmosphere Edinburgh offers over Christmas and New Year. However, please drink responsibly and don't let your night be ruined by excessive alcohol consumption.

"Our Good Nights Out, Get Home Safely campaign is being promoted online and via social media to ensure those who need the information can have easy access to it – either by visiting our website www.scotland.police.uk, or by following our Twitter accounts @EdinburghPolice, @EdinCityPolice and using #OpAstrodome."