

Police urge Festival public to stay safe



Police are urging the public to stay safe while enjoying a night out within the Capital during the Festival.

Since launching Operation Eastborough at the beginning of the month, officers have continued to provide a high-visibility presence throughout the city-centre and have been providing people with a range of crime prevention advice and personal safety messages.

With the last weekend of the Fringe coming up, large numbers of people are expected to spend their evenings at various events and taking advantage of the extended trading licences currently in operation at many pubs and clubs.

With this in mind, officers are keen to make sure visitors and locals alike remain safe while enjoying the Festival and Edinburgh's night time economy.

Police Scotland's Good Nights Out, Get Home Safely campaign has been running within the Capital for a number of years and provides members of the public with all the necessary advice and guidance to ensure a fun but safe night out.

A special leaflet containing this information will be available for download on the Force's website from today and will also be tweeted from the @EdinburghPolice Twitter account.

Inspector Nicola Page said: "The night life in Edinburgh is some of the best in the UK and we want the public to take some simple steps to ensure they remember their evenings for all the right reasons.

“Try to plan your night in advance and make sure you know where you’re going and more importantly, how you’re going to get back.

“If you are travelling around the city, then go with friends or people you trust and stick to well-lit and populated areas. If you do have to travel alone then consider using public transport or one of the city’s taxi or private hire companies.

“We are keen to ensure you enjoy your evening and all the city has to offer, but would urge everyone to drink responsibly and don’t let a great night be ruined by the over consumption of alcohol.

“By making our advice leaflet available online and on social media, we can make sure that helpful safety messages and crime prevention advice are at your fingertips wherever you may be.”