

Police officers provide crime prevention and personal safety advice during Freshers Weeks

Police Scotland is engaging with students across the country to promote a range of crime prevention and personal safety advice during Freshers Weeks.

To minimise the risk of students being the victim of crime, or becoming involved in criminal activity, police will be attending various Freshers events taking place in the coming weeks to provide useful information and guidance on how to keep themselves and their belongings safe wherever they go.

Policing teams throughout Scotland will also be promoting student safety advice on their social media channels over the next month.



Chief Inspector Michelle Grant from Police Scotland's Policing Together Division said: "Students make up a large part of populations in towns and cities across the country and make a positive contribution to our society. It is important they feel safe and supported during their studies.

"We have been engaging with numerous further and higher education establishments in the run-up to freshers weeks beginning and we're grateful to have been given the opportunity to speak with students.

"Over the coming weeks, we will be offering advice on how to stay safe while on nights out, protecting your accommodation and personal belongings and staying safe online.

"We'll also be discussing how to identify and report domestic abuse, as, for many, the next few years could be when they enter into relationships for the first time in their lives.

"Our advice on staying safe is relevant, whether you're in your first or last year of your studies so please consider this when you are at home, in college or university, or out enjoying the night-time economy."

All of Police Scotland's crime prevention and personal safety advice can be found by visiting www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information.