

# **Police launch Operation Winter City to keep public safe during festive period**

**Police in Edinburgh have launched their annual campaign to keep the public safe throughout the festive period.**

Operation Winter City 2024 will run between 15 November, 2024 and 5 January, 2025 and will see officers provide high-visibility patrols to offer reassurance to the public who are visiting, or work within the city centre area.

Throughout the operation, local policing teams in the Capital will be supported by colleagues from neighbouring divisions and a range of specialist resources can also be called upon to provide additional assistance if required.

Chief Inspector Craig Rogerson, Gold Commander for Operation Winter City, said: "The festive period is always an exciting time in Edinburgh and the city centre is buzzing with locals and visitors Christmas shopping, socialising, and enjoying the events that are taking place over the coming weeks.

"We will have increased high-visibility patrols throughout the city centre and officers will be on hand to provide the public with any assistance they require.

"There are simple steps we can all take to stay safe during the festive period. Looking after your personal belongings when you're in town, planning your transportation for nights out in advance, drinking responsibly and ensuring your home

and any outbuildings are appropriately secured, will help prevent you from falling victim to crime, or coming into contact with the emergency services for any reason.

“Crime prevention and personal safety advice is available on our website and will be provided on our social media channels throughout Operation Winter City.

“On behalf of everyone at Edinburgh Division, have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year.”