



## PERSONAL SAFETY

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### SAFETY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Everyone has the right to be and feel safe and it is important, no matter what your age or circumstances, that you discuss with a trusted adult strategies on staying safe. Consider these safety tips when you are out and about:

- Check timetables of transport so you can limit waiting times at stops.
- If possible meet up with other students either at your stop or while travelling.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Where possible, sit close to the driver. Select to sit with another passenger as opposed to having someone choosing to sit next to you.
- If the behaviour of someone is offensive or illegal, move away and tell the driver immediately and contact police.
- When out walking always be alert, walk with confidence and stay in populated areas.
- Walk against the flow of traffic if possible and walk with other students.
- Don't take short cuts through dark streets or isolated parks.
- If someone in a car stops and asks for directions, do not stop and continue walking.
- Never get into a vehicle with someone you don't know or don't feel comfortable with.
- When using headphones, only have one earpiece in so you can still hear everything around you.
- If you take a regular route to school, identify safe locations. This may be a friend's house, local shop, or hospital.
- If you are going somewhere before or after school, tell a trusted adult.
- If you are concerned about the behaviour of others while travelling on public transport, it is important to let your school administration staff or an adult know immediately.

#### **If you find yourself in a dangerous situation:**

- Trust your instincts and leave the area immediately.
- Yell for help and make a lot of noise to draw attention to yourself.
- Make a note of the person or vehicle registration number.
- Seek refuge somewhere safe and immediately call police.

If you have any questions please contact your nearest police station or visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au)



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