



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

PREVENTING  
CRIME

## PERSONAL SAFETY

### Out and about

- Be alert, walk confidently and keep to well-lit and populated areas.
- Walk against the flow of traffic and if possible, walk with another person and carry a personal safety alarm or mobile phone.
- Let someone know where you are going and the time you will return.
- If you feel unsafe, head for a well-populated area.
- Be wary if someone in a car stops and asks you for directions. Keep a safe distance from the car.
- Be aware of your increased vulnerability when wearing personal headphones.

### ATM banking

- Do not use ATMs in isolated or dark locations and avoid withdrawing large amounts of money.
- Memorise your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Do not write it down and do not let anyone see you enter your PIN.
- If you feel unsafe at an ATM and you have already keyed in your details, press the CANCEL key and remove your card.
- If you lose your card, report it immediately to your financial institution.

### Celebrations

- Organise safe transport to and from the venue before going out.
- Stay with your friends and look after each other.
- Set a drinking limit for yourself, stick to it and have soft drink or water between alcoholic drinks.
- Say "NO" when you have had enough to drink, don't let others top up your drink.

### Personal property

- Don't carry large amounts of money and never display how much money you have in your wallet or purse.
- Keep your bag, wallet and mobile phone where you can see them at all times and don't leave them unattended. When shopping use the child safety harness to help secure your handbag to the trolley.
- Carry your bag securely on the side furthest from the road. Never let the strap hang loosely.
- Shoulder strapped bags should be worn across your body. If someone attempts to grab your bag, it is best to let go, to avoid injury.
- Secure your bag in your car before loading or unloading your shopping.

For further personal safety information please visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au) or contact your local police station.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) is committed to working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and do business.

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