

# OXFORD STUDENT BULLETIN

## TAXIS AND MINICABS

With many students enjoying themselves after exams, it is important to be aware of bogus taxi drivers.

Do not get in the cab if:

- The driver appears to be under the influence of alcohol
- The driver does not seem to know the area
- The vehicle seems to old for use as a cab
- Private hire taxis cannot be hailed in the street. Only black cabs can be hailed.

Once in the cab:

- Take the cab driver's licence number (the driver's ID and vehicle licence number should be displayed)
- If travelling alone, always sit behind the driver in the back seat
- If you feel uneasy, ask to be let out in a well lit area where there are plenty of people

**If in doubt, don't  
get in!**

## IT'S THAT EASY!

The warmer weather is here and students are still making it easy for burglars to steal their valuables such as laptops, cash, mobile phones and ipods by leaving their room window open.

In East Oxford there has been a spate of burglaries with many students being the victims. Windows are often being left open when people go out or even when they are out in their garden sunning themselves!

Rented accommodation in East Oxford have had improved security measures to reduce the number of burglaries. These will not work if windows and doors are left open.

Take a few moments to think what you need to do to protect your valuables.

The following guidance should help reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime.

- Don't leave your laptop on display in front of an open window
- Always lock your doors and windows when you go out.
- Keep all valuables out of sight, preferably locked up when going out.
- Take high value goods home with you at the end of term.
- Security mark your goods with a UV marker pen
- Get insurance, a small outlay now can save you in the long



run.

- Never assume it won't happen to you, if you do, it WILL.
- Anyone who see anything suspicious should contact the police on 0845 8 505 505.
- If a crime is being committed and there is a threat to life, limb or property, call 999

**Don't become a burglar's next  
victim**

**Free uv marker pen**



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get your free uv marker pen.**

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# PAYING THE PRICE FOR TOO MANY

Drinking too much can make you:

- overconfident
- reckless
- and can blur your judgement, leading to you losing control

Being drunk and disorderly could land you with an on the spot fine of up to £80. Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued for:

- Wasting police time or giving false report
- Disorderly behaviour while drunk in a public place
- Destroying or damaging property (for damage under £500)
- Behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress
- Selling alcohol to a drunken person
- Being drunk in the highway, public place or licensed premises



It is also important not to become a victim of sexual crime. **Know your Limits** to prevent you being **DRUNK AND DEFENCELESS!**

**THINK SAFE DRINK SAFE**

## TACKLING HATE CRIME

In 1999 HALT (the Homophobic Awareness Liaison Team) was formed in Oxford. HALT brings together the police and local organizations in joint efforts to address homophobia.

There are many incidents against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in Oxfordshire. Currently 80% of homophobic crime in Oxfordshire goes unreported. The HALT team aims to challenge and eliminate all forms of homophobia and to offer support to victims of homophobic abuse.

If you have experienced homophobia, then report it either to HALT on (01865) 243389 or the Police on 0845 8 505 505. **In an emergency always call 999**



## GENERAL INFORMATION

If a crime is being committed, there is a risk of injury or a risk of serious damage to property always call **999**

To report an incident to the Police, call Thames Valley Police Non-Emergency Number **0845 8 505 505**

University Security Service Control Room **(2)72944**

Crimes can also be reported anonymously via Thames Valley Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**

Oxford Safer Communities Partnership is a partnership set up to tackle crime and disorder in Oxford. The partners are Oxford City Council, Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire PCT, Thames Valley Probation Service, Youth Offending Team, Oxfordshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Crown Prosecution Service and Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The Oxford Safer Communities Partnership would like to hear from you on the usefulness of this bulletin or to answer questions relating to community safety. Please send us an email to [saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk)