



Personal Safety Tips

In general, Australia is a safe place to live, work and study. However, there are precautions you can take to minimise the risk of an incident occurring:

- Always plan your trip home, especially at night. You may want to pre-book a taxi or arrange transport with a friend. Always make sure you have enough money to get home.
- Try to travel with a friend or in a group.
- Keep your bag and belongings close to your body and where you can always see them.
- Never hitch hike.
- If you don't have a mobile phone, make sure you have a phone card or money to make a phone call.
- Where available, use pedestrian walkways and cross the street at pedestrian crossings or lights.
- Leave valuables at home if you don't need to take them with you. This includes jewellery, electronic equipment such as iPads and your passport. If you've recently arrived and don't have anywhere permanent to live yet, talk to your institution's international student support staff about secure storage facilities on campus.
- Don't carry large amounts of money with you. You can access your money at ATMs found in shops, supermarkets, petrol stations, shopping malls, bars, shop fronts and many other public places.
- **Call 000 in the event of an emergency.** Remember, calls to 000 are free of charge.

(Content courtesy of www.studyinaustralia.gov.au)

Emergency Numbers

For Police, Fire and Ambulance, call 000 (life threatening situation or if a crime is taking place).

NSW Police Force

The [NSW Police Force](#) is responsible for reducing crime and improving community safety.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ACCESS

If you need assistance, and it is not an emergency, please contact the Police Assistant Line (PAL) on 131 444.

If you can help solve or prevent a crime call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (You do not have to give your personal information).

Victims of Crime

The Victims Access Line provides 24-hour information, referral and support to victims of crime on 1800 633 063.

Support and counselling is available for victims of sexual assault. If you need urgent help call the Victims Access Line on 1800 633 063.

Victims of sexual assault and domestic or family violence, can call 1800RESPECT, the national counselling service. To speak to an experienced and qualified counsellor, and for information and support, call 1800 737 732.

(Content courtesy of State of New South Wales Department of Premier and Cabinet. For current information go to www.nsw.gov.au)