

Safety Information

The event team has secured venues that follow strict Health and Safety laws, that have comprehensive insurance cover and that are, to be best of their knowledge, reputable businesses. The organizers have planned the event following strict risk assessment and contingency plans. However, organizers cannot be held responsible for eventualities outside venues, in particular those that involve travel on public transport, walks in public places or travel to and from venues. The following recommendation should be considered by all attendees to minimize possible risks.

Before travelling

1. Obtain comprehensive travel insurance for the duration of your stay.
2. Make a list of emergency numbers and carry it with you at all times.
3. Inform parents, relatives or close friends of your travel arrangements.
4. Ask a close member of your family or friend to call you on a regular basis.
5. Keep in touch with family members and friends regularly and inform them of any change of plans.

General outdoors safety

1. If possible, do not travel alone, especially at night.
2. Do not carry too much money on you. Prefer the use of travellers' cheques or cards
3. Do not use cash machines late at night, particularly in deserted areas. If necessary, ask a friend to accompany you.
4. Do not drink alcohol, particularly in the streets as many areas are "alcohol-free zones".
5. Do not display expensive electronic items unnecessarily, i.e. mobile phones, MP3 players, etc.
- 6. In case of an emergency, do not hesitate to call 999.**
7. When crossing the street, make sure it is safe to cross, even if the pedestrian light is green.
8. Do not accept anything from strangers and do not buy anything from anyone in the streets.

Safety on private and public transport

1. Respect the signals and recommendations from staff.
2. Mind steps, gaps and escalators when travelling on the underground.
3. Avoid travelling on the upper-deck of buses later at night.
4. Keep to your right on escalators.
5. Report any suspicious behaviour to a member of the staff.
6. Do not accept rides from anyone you do not know.
- 7. Do not use unlicensed cabs.**
8. Always wear a seatbelt when available.

Safety on group site visits

1. Listen to the group leader(s) and follow their instructions.
2. Do not leave the group without warning the group leader.
3. Carry the leader's contact details with you in case of emergencies.
4. If identification badges, shirts, wristbands, etc. are provided, use them at all times.
5. Do not touch anything without permission.
6. Do not wander off without informing the group leader.
7. If you feel unwell, tell the group leader immediately.

The following websites contain useful information on safety and security:

Metropolitan Police Website: <http://www.met.police.uk/index.shtml> Provides advice for Tourists, Visitors to London and Young People. Available in different languages

Visit London Website: <http://www.visitlondon.com/travel/safety/> Provides information on tourist safety in London

Transport for London Website: <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/1223.aspx> Transport for London Provides information on Tube and Overground Travel Safety