So, you’ve moved out of halls into your own place?

Here are some hints and tips to stay safe!
Students often own expensive laptops, mobiles and iPods which can make student flats very attractive to opportunist thieves.

Statistics show as a student, you are THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY to become a victim of crime than any other residents.

But don’t worry, you can help prevent this!

1. KEEP YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS LOCKED WHEN YOU GO OUT
   This doesn’t just mean the front door, but any internal doors and upstairs windows too. It might sound obvious but so many burglaries could be avoided by just turning a key. Nearly half of student burglaries happened in homes with open or unlocked doors or windows.

2. KEEP VALUABLES AWAY FROM THE WINDOW
   Laptop sat on your desk? iPod on the windowsill? Car keys in full view? These can be easy pickings for a burglar. Keep valuables out of sight – put them in a drawer or cupboard, or hide them under the bed.

3. CHECK THE WINDOW LOCKS
   Especially on downstairs and basement windows and your doors – make sure they’re strong, secure and with proper locks! If they are not, please get in touch with your landlord or letting agent.

4. DON’T LEAVE EMPTY BOXES OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSE
   If you buy expensive items rip up the boxes and recycle them in your blue bin. Think about it – leaving the boxes outside lets thieves know exactly what is inside your property.

5. MAKE SURE YOUR WHEELIE BIN IS IN YOUR YARD
   Keep your gate shut and bolted. Burglars use wheelie bins left in back lanes to get over back walls and into yards – they cannot be seen by anyone when they try and break into your property.

6. USE A D-LOCK
   If you have a bike keep it secure with a D-lock, locked to immovable objects. We know thieves are put off by these. You can get one for FREE (on a first come first served basis) from University Security or from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Last year 35% of all bikes stolen belonged to students, so it’s worth keeping it safe and secure.

7. KEEP YOUR BIKE SAFE AT HOME – IF POSSIBLE LEAVE IT INSIDE YOUR HOUSE OR LOCKED UP IN THE YARD OUT OF SIGHT.

8. GET INSURED
   It’s better to be safe than sorry! Be aware that some insurance companies don’t pay out if the thief gets in through an unlocked door or window. Keep a list of the make, model and serial numbers of your electronic items to help police track them down if they are stolen.

9. TO LOG YOUR VALUABLES FOR FREE VISIT: www.immobilise.com

10. FOR MORE CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE VISIT: www.northumbria.police.uk

LET US HELP YOU
We have a FREE property registration and bike marking scheme. If you’re interested, please email newcastleast.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk
Doing this will increase the chance of you getting your property back if it’s ever lost or stolen, should we recover it.
To help you stay safe when out and about you can follow our advice. Look after yourself and your possessions.

Remember, NEARLY 30% of all city centre thefts are student victims. To make sure it doesn’t happen to you – follow these tips:

1. Plan in advance how to get home.

2. Keep yourself and your friends safe.

3. Keep your mobile phones, wallets and purses safe during a night out.

4. Stash some cash away in case you need it or lose your purse/wallet.

5. Remember to behave considerately when returning home after a night out.

6. Save the number of someone you can call in your mobile phone if you need help.

7. Look after your friends and arrange a safe meeting place in case a friend gets lost.

8. Remember situations can quickly escalate out of control when people are drunk. Arguments can quickly turn to fights and people who would ordinarily stay out of trouble can end up hurting someone or getting arrested.
To make sure students get home safely at the end of the night, both Students’ Unions have set up an Emergency Taxi Service with BUDGET taxis. With this service you can pay for a taxi fare of up to £8 by giving the driver your student card. You later collect your card and reimburse the student union with the fare. This ensures all students can always get home safely.

How to get your taxi

1. Call Budget Taxis on 0191 298 5050
2. Say you would like a taxi on the ‘NSU’ account for Northumbria or ‘NEW02’ account for Newcastle students
3. Give your student card to the driver instead of payment
4. Keep your receipt
5. Collect your card from the Students’ Union Welcome Desk and pay your bill
Be considerate to other people and think about how your behaviour will affect your neighbours.

What is anti-social behaviour (ASB)?

House parties, drunken behaviour or noisy behaviour on the way home from town may be classed as ASB and in Newcastle this is taken very seriously.

Be aware: it is a common misconception that you are ‘allowed’ to be as noisy as you like up until 11pm and after 8am. This is not true. Noise is a nuisance at any time of day. Just think - not everyone works 9 to 5; shift workers, night workers, and people with small children, are likely to be home during the day and probably trying to sleep!

With this in mind, Northumbria Police, Environmental Health, Newcastle City Council and both Universities work together on a partnership response to ASB.

Night Watch
Night Watch is a night time noise service run by Newcastle City Council. Anyone experiencing noise problems, such as loud house parties, can report them and a team of trained officers will come out and try to address the problem.
Extra patrols are in operation and taking place in Jesmond, Heaton and Ouseburn are areas in Newcastle where a large number of students live. These areas have a higher number of ASB incidents. To tackle this problem Newcastle and Northumbria Universities have funded two extra police officers to patrol the area on various nights of the week. This is called Operation Oak and is additional to the existing Neighbourhood team presence provided to the area.

Police and Night Watch Officers work in tandem to provide the most efficient service to the residents.

What are the consequences of ASB?

If police catch you committing a crime or ASB, you could end up:

- With an £80 on the spot fine from police - the university could also fine you.
- Being arrested and receiving a formal caution or conviction.
- With Universities being informed - they will take further action.

If you are arrested - even if you aren't charged - your future job prospects could be at risk, including, but not exclusively: barrister, youth worker, teacher, solicitor, probation officer, civil servants, social worker, doctor, nurses, registered dental practitioners, midwife, pharmaceutical chemist or member of the Armed Forces.

You have come to University to get a degree and ultimately a good career - so don't put that at risk.

It's important to remember formal cautions will stay with you for five years. If you are prosecuted and convicted you will receive a criminal record that will last for at least ten years.

We want to keep students out of the Criminal Justice System and want you to leave university with good memories and no criminal record.
Police: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
101 (non emergency) and 999 (emergency)
www.northumbria.police.uk

Universities
Newcastle:
Security: 0191 222 6817
(0191 222 6666 in an emergency)
bit.ly/1bzK0tD
Campus Police Officer:
PC 2101 Al Gibson,
bit.ly/18TLxs8
Accommodation office:
0191 222 6360
Casework Team, Student Progress Service casework@ncl.ac.uk
or 0191 222 5939
bit.ly/1fzzCV

Northumbria:
Security: 0191 227 3999
(0191 227 3200 in an emergency)
bit.ly/18xvTnr
Campus Police Officer:
PC 3658 Sue Beattie
Accommodation office:
0191 227 4209
Student Support and Wellbeing:
0191 227 4127
bit.ly/lW0R6z

Noise issues:
Night Watch:
Newcastle City Council
8pm - 4am
Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon
4pm - 1:30am
Tue/ Wed/ Thurs
0191 278 7878
rspp@newcastle.gov.uk

Noise Team
Newcastle City Council
Regulatory Service and Public Protection
0191 211 6102 or
0191 274 4000
rspp@newcastle.gov.uk

Environmental issues:
Envirocall – your single point of contact for environmental services. This includes getting wheelie bins and services such as pest control, street lighting and bulky waste collections.
Email envirocall@newcastle.gov.uk or phone 0191 278 7878 and ask for Envirocall
www.newcastle.gov.uk/environment/envirocall

Know when your bin days are? Find out here: www.newcastle.gov.uk/recycle

Northumbria Police Student Liaison Coordinator, Fay Paterson
fay.paterson.9930@northumbria.pnn.police.uk | 0191 221 8224

Get involved!
Interested in getting involved in your local community, representing fellow students and giving something back to your neighbours?
Become a Community Rep!

Newcastle Students Union is looking for 12 new Community Reps to be the voice of their student community.
Email Emily on campaigns.support@ncl.ac.uk for more info, or visit www.nusu.co.uk, go to the Representation page and click on ‘Community Reps’ for an application form.
Deadline for applications is 28th October 2013.

Northumbria Students’ Union is also recruiting Community Reps.
Email su.welfarereps@northumbria.ac.uk to find out more about the role and how to get involved.

Join the team now!