



Staying Safe This Summer



Liverpool City Region & the Nightlife Safety Charter

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Whether you're heading into town for a concert, grabbing food after college, or enjoying your first nights out with friends, your safety matters. In this edition of the safeguarding newsletter, we're spotlighting Liverpool's Nightlife Safety Charter - a city-wide commitment to making nightlife safer for everyone, especially young people.

We're also highlighting some brilliant safety schemes across the Liverpool City Region that help support a safer and more inclusive night-time experience for all.

[Liverpool Nightlife – What's the Nightlife Safety Charter All About?](#)

Liverpool is famous for its vibrant nightlife – from gigs and festivals to clubs and cafés. But behind the scenes, there's a powerful movement to make it safer. The Night Time Safety Charter is a voluntary initiative that supports

the safety of anyone enjoying or working in the Night-Time Economy (NTE) between 6pm and 6am.

It complements the **Purple Flag** accreditation Liverpool holds – an award given to towns and cities that manage safe, vibrant nightlife.

The Nightlife Safety Charter – Key Aims:

- To create a safer environment in bars, clubs, and venues.
- To promote respect, inclusivity, and zero tolerance for harassment.
- To train staff to identify and handle vulnerable situations.
- To encourage everyone – staff, students, and locals – to speak up when something doesn't feel right.

The Charter Offers:

- Guidance on **staff training**, how to report harassment, and support culture change.
- Recommendations for ensuring **public spaces are safe** and reporting routes are clear.
- Open to **all night-time businesses**, including shops, hotels, gyms, and leisure centres.

What are Liverpool venues doing to keep you safe?

Venues signed up to the Charter agree to:

- Provide staff with safeguarding and vulnerability training
- Create visible and accessible reporting procedures
- Display Charter signage – so you know they're committed
- Support initiatives like Ask for Angela, COOL IT, and the Late Night Levy
- **Encourage** safe routes home, such as through the Rainbow Taxi Rank

Liverpool City Council works with Merseyside Police, **Liverpool BID**, and local charities to monitor progress and improve safety in real-time.



In addition to the Nightlife Safety Charter, there are also a number of night time safety initiatives for you to be aware of:



Ask for Angela

If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable in a venue, speak to a staff member and "Ask for Angela." It's a discreet code that lets trained staff know you need help.

COOL IT

A behaviour awareness campaign designed to de-escalate tensions in nightlife settings and reduce anti-social behaviour, especially among young adults.



OPERATION HALO

On Wednesday 6th May Halo Points - safe spaces - in Liverpool City Centre were launched as part of Operation Halo, marking the next phase of the initiative to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and better protect people across Liverpool's night-time economy.

There are nine Halo Points within Liverpool City Centre which provide a place where anyone who feels unsafe can seek immediate support or practical help.



Rainbow Taxi Rank

Located near Victoria Street, this safe taxi rank offers:

- Trained marshals
- CCTV coverage
- A safe, inclusive space – especially for LGBTQ+ individuals

Liverpool BID (Business Improvement District)

The Liverpool BID works with local businesses to:

- Fund CCTV and security
- Train staff in safeguarding
- Support Purple Flag and Charter commitments

Safety Pastors

Friendly volunteers who work late-night in the city offering:

- First aid and emotional support
- Water and flip-flops
- Help getting home safely

If you're out and about, you'll be able to spot the Safety Pastors in their purple high-vis jackets!

Why should this matter to you?

As sixth formers, many of you are stepping into your first experiences of independence in the city—nights out, part-time jobs, or just exploring Liverpool's culture. Knowing your rights, staying aware, and being prepared helps you and your friends stay safe.

For Sixth Formers, this means you should always:

- **Look out for each other:** go out together, come back together.
- **Use trusted transport:** pre-book taxis, or stick to well-lit public routes.
- **Speak to venue staff** if something feels off – trained staff are there to help.
- **Use your phone:** make sure you have data and it's charged
- **Know the 'Ask for Angela' code:** if you feel unsafe on a date or in

Liverpool's commitment to safety isn't just about policies - it's about people.

YOU are part of the change. Being informed, speaking up, and supporting your peers helps build the kind of community we all want to be part of.

What's Going On?

Liverpool is set to come alive again this summer with a vibrant mix of indoor and outdoor events from June through August.

Lady Lever Art Gallery – April 25 – Nov 1st

Performance in the Park – June 25th – 26th

Salt and Tar Weekender in Bootle – June 25th – 26th

Summer of Music – a year long celebration of music and culture.

Whether you're into art, music, theatre, or cultural festivals, Liverpool has something exciting for everyone this summer.

Stay safe, stay smart, and enjoy all that our amazing city has to offer !

Useful Contacts & Resources

- In an emergency: 📞 999
- Non-emergency police: 📞 101
- **Victim Care Merseyside:** victimcaremerseyside.org
- **Ask for Angela Info:** met.police.uk/askforangela
- **Liverpool Safe Spaces & Night Charter:** liverpool.gov.uk/safespaces