



Central
Coast
Council

Staying safe in public spaces

For further information or assistance, please contact:

In the case of an EMERGENCY or a crime in progress,
call Triple Zero **000**

To report information about a crime that has been
committed, call Crime Stoppers **1800 333 000**

For confidential crisis support, call Lifeline **131 114**

If you or someone you know is experiencing violence or
abuse, call 1800RESPECT on **1800 737 732** or contact
the Domestic Violence hotline on **1800 656 463**

The Central Coast is an amazing place to live and visit.

To stay safe while out and about enjoying yourself, you should remember to:

- always be aware of your surroundings
- consider the valuables you take with you when visiting places such as the beach or park
- avoid carrying large amounts of cash
- hold your bags close to your body and don't leave them in shopping trolleys
- keep your bag between your feet, on your lap or in front of you on a table when at places such as a restaurant, café or cinema
- if you feel uncomfortable or threatened, go to a busy or bright place like a shop and seek help
- trust your instincts - if you feel something is wrong, don't ignore it.

Closed circuit television (CCTV) is used in some public spaces in our community to reduce and prevent crime. CCTV footage can also help police to identify offenders if a crime takes place.

When travelling in a car:

- service your car regularly
- plan your route and tell someone where you are going
- have a street directory and mobile phone with you in case you get lost
- lock your car doors especially if driving alone
- where possible park your car in a busy well-lit area, close to your destination
- don't leave handbags or other valuables in your vehicle
- have your keys out and ready as you approach your car
- if you often travel alone or at night, consider joining a breakdown assistance service.

