

If you have been the victim of violent crime or have concerns about violent crime in your area, you can contact the following organisations:

**CRIMESTOPPERS**

Call about crime anonymously  
0800 555 111

**THAMES VALLEY POLICE**

Emergency number  
999

Non-emergency number  
0845 8 505 505

**MK COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY  
TEAM**

Tackling crime and safety together  
01908 252080

**MK LIGHTHOUSE**

Help for Victims of Domestic Violence  
01908 672082

**CITY COUNSELLING CENTRE**

Support for Victims of Sexual Violence  
01908 231131

MK Community Safety Partnership  
Civic Offices  
1 Saxon Gate East  
Central Milton Keynes  
MK9 3EJ



**REDUCING PUBLIC  
VIOLENCE**

Hints 'n' Tips  
on how you can help  
and stay safe

## **STAYING SAFE – WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Alcohol related violence is a growing concern - Drink responsibly & know your limits. Watch out for your mates and keep each other out of trouble. Don't hang around to be the target of anti-social behaviour and violence. Leave your entertainment venue and the area as quickly as you can. Be part of the solution not the problem!
- Don't be the victim of a snatch thief. Mobile phones, MP3 players, bags and wallets are all vulnerable to a passing thief. Keep your valuable items secure or out of view when walking the streets, especially in crowded places like markets and shopping centres.
- Redways and underpasses are safer than you think – only 1% of MK crime is committed on redways - but it pays to be careful when using them, especially at night. Walk with friends or colleagues. Keep a mobile phone handy. Let people know which route you take.

## **WHAT MK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ARE DOING TO TACKLE VIOLENT CRIME**

- 16% Reduction in Violent Assaults over Christmas 2005 - thanks to "Operation Hangover" - an eight week Partnership initiative, which will run again this holiday season
- ? Fixed Penalty Notices served on those committing anti-social behaviour and involved in alcohol related violence in 05/06
- 244 weapons surrendered locally in the recent national knife amnesty
- 33 CCTV cameras monitoring your safety in CMK and local neighbourhoods, as well as dedicated systems in shopping centres.

## **WATCH OUT ...!!!**

- Don't take bottles and glasses out of venues – serious injuries are caused by these being used as weapons in street fights
- Gun and Knife crime affects not only victims but creates fear in everybody – call the police or crimestoppers anonymously to report weapons.
- Domestic and Sexual violence are "hidden crimes" that affect all types of people, men and women, young and old – if you or someone you know have been a victim, report it! Police now have a pro-active policy on dealing with domestic violence offenders.