Preventing crime and injury
Personal safety

Personal safety is one of the most important factors when talking about preventing crime and injury.

In the home

Many people let their guard down about personal safety in the home, with many injuries resulting from common sense mistakes. Make sure you:

- **Take actions to prevent electrical, chemical and thermal burns.** Take action to prevent these incidents before they happen, especially if there are children around the home.

- **Store your chemicals safely.** Locks, labels and safe locations help to prevent accidental poisoning and chemical burns.

- **DIY right.** DIY projects can be great fun, but they can cause serious injury. Take time to assess the task, and ensure you have the right skills and tools for the job.

Out and about

Keep yourself safe while out and about by following a few simple rules.

- **Never enter a situation where you suspect a crime may be occurring.** If you think someone is in or has been in your home, or you see someone in your vehicle, move to a safe place and call 000 in an emergency or 131 444 for non-urgent police matters.

- **Help each other out when you're out with friends.** Having others with you can help to protect you from drink spiking, theft and physical crimes. It's a good idea to make sure someone knows you're going out.

- **Be alcohol aware.** It can be fun go out and have a few drinks, but remember that even a small amount of alcohol can impair your judgement. Be careful around roads, avoid arguments and take care of your friends.

- **Stick to the beaten path.** Criminals are less active where people can see them. When walking during the day or night, stay in well-lit, busy areas.

For further information, please contact the city's community safety officer on 9237 9222.