

#### **Employment and Community Skills**

**Get Connected (Wiltshire)** 

# **Personal Safety**

When travelling independently, personal safety is very important. It is important that you are confident when you travel and have awareness of potential hazards.

### Tips on how to stay safe



## Be prepared

- Plan your journey before you travel
- Make sure someone knows when and where you are travelling
- Carry a fully charged mobile phone in case you need to contact anyone
- If you have restricted movement, check beforehand that there is the access you need
- Wear fluorescent clothes at night so people can see you
- Wear bright clothes during the day so others can see you
- Carry an ICE card (In case of emergency)
- Identify a safe place







#### Be aware

- Look around and know what is around you
- Keep belongings close to you
- Keep your phone out of sight
- Keep to brightly lit areas
- Avoid listening to headphones if you can as you will not be able to hear what is around you
- When walking, face the traffic so a car cannot pull up behind you without you knowing



## Don't

- Use a cashpoint at night if possible withdraw money during the day
- Take short cuts through alleys, parks or across waste ground
- Hitchhike or accept lifts from strangers