

# Homeward bound

With the party season in full swing, it's also important to consider how you'll get home at the end of the night.

WORKING alongside the Metropolitan Police Service and City of London Police, TfL's Safer Travel at Night (STaN) campaign reminds people of the dangers of using unbooked minicabs.

The campaign is supported by uniformed and plain clothes enforcement officers who are stepping up their activity to crack down on illegal minicabs.

Officers are speaking to anyone who may be tempted to use an illegal cab, to remind them



of the importance of planning their journeys.  
Steve Burton, TfL's director of enforcement

and on-street operations, said: 'We want people to enjoy themselves this festive season, but also stay safe. Working alongside the police, our TfL enforcement teams are dealing with any illegal taxi or minicab activity and

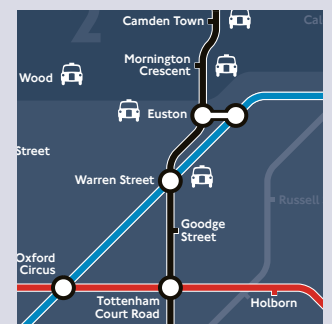
speaking to passengers, drivers and minicab operators to help ensure everyone can get home safely.

'People should always plan their journey home, and if using a minicab, make sure it's booked with a licensed operator. If it's not, it's essentially a stranger's car. These drivers are breaking the law and putting you at risk.'

As well as taxis, the recently launched Night Tube is also a popular way to travel this festive season. The Piccadilly line is set to join the Central, Jubilee, Northern and Victoria lines in offering a 24-hour weekend service from Friday.

Revellers are reminded to take care when using the Underground, especially if they have been drinking alcohol. Be sure to mind the gap and keep away from the platform edge, and travel with friends if possible. Also, take care on stairs and escalators. If you notice anybody looking unwell or acting suspiciously, report it to a member of staff or the police as soon as possible.

■ To find out more about STaN, visit [tfl.gov.uk/safer-travel](http://tfl.gov.uk/safer-travel)



## Top rank

IT'S important to consider how you will get home from the Tube station. There are many night buses, including some new routes to support Night Tube services.

There are also new taxi ranks at stations along Night Tube routes, including nine new ones on the Northern line and six new ranks on the Jubilee line.

To download a map showing all the Night Tube stations, plus 24-hour taxi ranks, visit [tfl.gov.uk/nighttube](http://tfl.gov.uk/nighttube).

## Platform gaps can be wide

Please stand behind the yellow line and mind the gap



## Advice for safer travel

- Plan your journey in advance
- Be aware of your surroundings - listening to music or using your mobile can be distracting and dangerous
- Where possible, keep to brightly lit, busy areas
- Keep your purse or wallet out of sight and make sure bags are zipped and valuables secure
- Take extra care when travelling after drinking, and remember that consuming alcohol is banned on TfL services
- If you feel threatened, use passenger alarms on the Tube or train. Help points are available at Tube, tram, National Rail and many bus stations



## If the cab fits

TAXIS are different to minicabs, they can be approached on the street or at ranks and do not need to be pre-booked.

If you're using a minicab, book it through a licensed minicab operator,

via a booking app, phone, email or at a minicab office. When booking, you should receive a confirmation highlighting driver and vehicle details as well as the driver's photo.

Private hire operators will have a record of the journey, driver and the vehicle used. This is so the driver can be traced if there are any problems.

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