

Stay safe this party season



AFTER a night out it can be tempting to jump into the first minicab you see, but you could be putting yourself at risk.

As the festive season approaches and more people go out to celebrate, Transport for London (TfL) is encouraging the public to get home safely by using a pre-booked minicab or a black cab.

All minicabs must be licensed by TfL and booked through a licensed minicab operator and only black cabs can be stopped by customers to pick them up off the street.

Minicabs lined up outside pubs and clubs are breaking the law if they accept a fare without a booking being made first.

Enforcement activity to deal with unbooked minicabs will be stepped

up at hotspots across London during the festive period.

■ Download TfL's free Cabwise mobile app, to book a taxi or private hire vehicle. Or visit tfl.gov.uk/cabwise to find out more.

Take care on Tube

Christmas is a peak time for alcohol-related incidents across the network. Last year there were 26 injuries and one fatality on the tracks, many owing to alcohol. Drinking can affect how we behave and sometimes staying safe becomes less important when we're on our way to get somewhere. To minimise risks to you and other passengers, take extra care when on the platform, when getting on and off trains and when going up and down escalators.

British Transport Police are working with TfL and London Underground to ensure passengers and staff stay safe.

Festive travel

TRANSPORT for London has published its annual Festive Travel Guide online to help Londoners and visitors plan their journeys during the festive season.

Diageo will once again provide free travel on New Year's Eve so that you can get home safely.

Free travel will be available between 11.45pm on December 31 and 4.30am on January 1 on the Tube, buses, trams, Docklands Light Railway, and until last trains on London Overground.

■ For more information, visit tfl.gov.uk/festive



Apprenticeship success for TfL

MORE than 4,000 apprenticeship roles have been created by Transport for London (TfL) and its supply chain since April 2009.

TfL apprentices can choose from a wide range of roles including Highways Technician, Information Management, Project Planner, London Underground Engineering, London

Underground Operational and London Underground Track Engineering. Each role varies from 12 months to four years with the majority of apprentices securing jobs at the end of their scheme. Since 2007, TfL has been recognised by the National Apprenticeship Service as one of the top 100

Apprenticeship Employers.

Sir Peter Hendy, London's Transport Commissioner, said: 'They are the future, and I'm extremely proud of all the work they do.'

■ The next round of recruitment for apprentices will be in February 2014. To find out more, go to tfl.gov.uk/apprenticeship

Traffic information for the capital

Balham High Road A24 (Northbound)

Dec 18, 10am to Dec 20, 3.30pm

Contraflow in operation during the day outside no.86 Balham High Road owing to new water service.

Stamford Street

Dec 21, 8am to Jan 6, 11pm

The road between Blackfriars Road and Waterloo roundabout will be closed

eastbound for works. Westbound will be maintained.

Seven Sisters Road A503

Dec 21, 8am to Dec 23, 11pm

Lane three (of three) closed and right-turn into Isledon Road banned during utility works.

Edgware Road A5

Dec 22, 2pm to 4pm

A parade will take place between Marble Arch and Star Street.

Traffic will be affected in both directions on Edgware Road.

Shaftesbury Avenue

Dec 22, 8.30am to 2pm

Lane restrictions and temporary traffic signals in place between Gerrard Place and Wardour Street for roadworks.

■ For a full list of traffic information, go to tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews

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