

Party planning for safety

As the party season gets under way, revellers are reminded to plan their night to ensure they get home safely.

THERE'S a lot to consider when preparing for the traditional office Christmas party. But as well as arranging the venue, menu and dress code, remember to think about how you will



get home at the end of the night. TfL is working with the Metropolitan Police

Service and City of London Police to remind people to use only licensed vehicles to complete their journey and avoid using unbooked minicabs, which are illegal and uninsured for carrying passengers.

Licensed minicabs will keep a record of your journey, the driver and the vehicle used. This means that, in the event of any problems, the driver can be easily traced.

Passengers should also be sent vehicle details as well as driver information, including a photo, before the journey. If the details don't match the ones you are sent, don't get in the car.

Black taxis are unique in that they are the only vehicle that can be hailed on the street or hired from one of more than 600 taxi ranks across London.



TfL's head of operations, Graham Daly, said: 'We want people to enjoy themselves this festive season, while also staying safe. They should either hail or book a taxi, or book their journey through a licensed private hire operator, via a booking app, phone, email or in the minicab office.'

'Our on-street compliance officers will be working alongside the police to deal with any illegal activity and speaking to passengers, drivers and minicab operators to help ensure everyone can



All night long

AS well as taxis and minicabs, party-goers can use the 24-hour service on the Night Tube, which runs on Fridays and Saturdays on the Victoria, Jubilee, and most of the Central, Northern and Piccadilly lines.

Weekend 24-hour services will be extended to the Night Overground when it launches between New Cross Gate and Dalston Junction on December 15.

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There are about 300 TfL enforcement officers on the streets who are responsible for tackling illegal activity and improving public safety in taxis and minicabs.

■ For more information on travelling safer at night, visit tfl.gov.uk/safer-travel



We can help them more quickly on the platform

What are the differences between black taxis and minicabs?

- Black taxis do not need to be pre-booked and can be hailed in the street, but can also be booked via apps, phone or online
- Every taxi has a card machine, so if you don't have cash you can pay using credit, debit or contactless
- Minicabs should be booked through a licensed operator, via a booking app, phone, email or at a minicab office
- When booking a minicab, you should receive a confirmation highlighting the driver and vehicle details, as well as the driver's photo
- Minicab drivers will have been through a police background check

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