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In case of an emergency over the holidays, there are people to turn to help you.

For students living close to the Glasgow campus who experience an emergency please call Campus Security:
0141 330 4444

For students off campus or who live further away please dial: **999**

For students experiencing suicidal thoughts, please call the Health Assured line:
0800 028 3766

The SRC Advice Centre have a page of emergency contact & links which may be useful:
www.glasgowunsrc.org/advice/out-of-hours

You can also find information on non-emergency phone number (**101 - when not 999**) as well as other Safety and Security info here:

www.glasgowunsrc.org/advice/health-and-wellbeing/security/

🏠 Home Worries

We also recognise that for some students, returning home can be an uneasy experience, and for some not an option over the holidays.

Some resources for estranged students:

- **Stand Alone** helps support those that are estranged from their family or key family member:

www.standalone.org.uk/supportatyouruniversity

For members of the LGBTQ+ community who may need support over the break:

- **LGBT Youth Scotland** offers advice and support if you're part of the LGBTQ+ community:

lgbtyouth.org.uk/get-support/

- **Glasgow University LGBTQ+ Students' Association** also has webpage list of resources:

gulgbtqplus.tumblr.com/resources

as does the University Webpage:

gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/equalitydiversity/students/lgbt/



Staying in Glasgow

If you're going to be staying in Glasgow and would like to connect with others over the break, check out some of our tips below:

- Check if any of your other friends are also staying in Glasgow - you could arrange to meet up for a coffee, a walk and a chat.
- If you can't meet up with people in person, make plans to video chat, have a phone call, or message.
- If you are feeling lonely, try and think about things you can do to make you feel closer to others. Putting pictures up of people you care about might be a nice reminder of these people in your life.
- Helping others can be a great way to spend time. Check out if your local charity shops, church, homeless shelter or community centre have any volunteering opportunities.
- If your home feels too quiet, put on a podcast - there are loads of really interesting ones on Spotify.
- Try and make the most of the natural light - go for a walk during the day- the Cloisters in the main building are a great spot to walk to and check out the pretty lights.
- Occupy your time by trying some new winter recipes or learning a new skill such as knitting.



Sexual Violence

If you been the target of sexual violence or harassment at any point in your life, or know someone who has and would like to talk to someone over the break, the following resources can offer support:

- **The Rosey Project** is the Support and Prevention Programme for young people at **Glasgow Rape Crisis**:
www.roseyproject.co.uk 08088 00 00 14

- **Rape Crisis** - The Rape Crisis Scotland helpline is open open as usual this year from 5:00pm- midnight, every night including Christmas and New Year.

Web: www.rapecrisisscotland.org.uk

Call: 08088 01 03 02

Email: support@rapecrisisscotland.org.uk

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As we approach the Christmas break, the SRC wanted to highlight a number of resources to help you make responsible decisions and stay safe if you, or others around you, are choosing to drink alcohol.

While we recognise that this can be a large part of student culture, we want to ensure you are looking after yourself, know the associated risks, and are staying within safe limits. With that said, here are some useful resources:

- **Drink Aware** - This is a great resource with lots of useful information. Here you can find a self-assessment tool which determines whether the amount you're drinking could be impacting your health, an advice and support section, for yourself or someone else that you're worried about, and an information section about staying safe at University: www.drinkaware.co.uk
- **MyDrinkaware App** - This lets you track your consumption by calculating units and calories: www.drinkaware.co.uk/tools
- **NHS Better Health website** - To see what units are in your drink, what the recommended guidelines are for consumption, and tips for cutting down, see: www.nhs.uk/better-health/drink-less
- **Al-Anon Family Groups** - Provides support to anyone whose life is, or has been affected by someone else's drinking: al-anonuk.org.uk/getting-help/find-a-meeting/
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Helpline: 0800 9177 650 Web: www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

Alcohol poisoning can occur when a person drinks a toxic amount of alcohol, usually over a short period of time. For information on spotting the signs and symptoms of this, and when to seek help, check out the NHS website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/alcohol-poisoning

Drug related information:

- **Know Cannabis** - Assess your cannabis use, the impact it could be having, and explore how you can make changes: www.knowcannabis.org.uk

- **We Are With You** - Free confidential advice with alcohol, drugs or mental health www.wearewithyou.org.uk
- **Know the Score** - www.knowthescore.info
- **Adfam** - Information and support for friends and family of people with drug or alcohol problems: adfam.org.uk
- **Talk to Frank**: www.talktofrank.com

If you think negative drinking or drug habits could be related to underlying mental health issues, or anxieties surrounding the current situation, check out some of the below mental health resources.

Mental Health

We understand that this time of year can be really difficult for some students for a variety of reasons, with feelings of isolation, loneliness, anxiety and homesickness having potential to worsen.

If you have concerns about your own or someone else's mental health, please refer to the resources:

www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/counselling/self-help

The University have created their own list of support contacts and resources, which you can find in their latest newsletter:

www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/students/newsletter

Threat to Life:

Immediately call **999**

Contact Campus Security through the Safezone app, or call

Gilmorehill: **0141 330 4444**

Garscube: **0141 330 2222**

Emergency/Crisis:

Contact Campus Security if on campus: **0141 330 4282**

Contact emergency services if off campus: **999**

Health Assured: **0800 028 3766**

The Samaritans: **116 123**

Breathing Space Helpline: **0800 83 85 87**