

Date Safely

When you are in a relationship with someone from a different culture, things can be very different.

Rules of personal contact can be different. For example, holding hands can show a romantic relationship between two people.

Australian law does not allow discrimination against gays and lesbians. Unfortunately however, incidents of homophobic violence do still occur. Always be alert and aware in your surroundings and report any incidents to the police and/or a Student Adviser at student.support@unswglobal.unsw.edu.au.

Relationships should always be fun and healthy things. Both people in a relationship should want the relationship. You should not feel forced to go out with someone or have sex with them.

If you choose to have sex, have safe sex. Always use a condom. You can speak to a doctor about any questions you may have.

If you feel under pressure to go out with someone or would like to talk about any private matter, please speak with a Student Advisor or email student.support@unswglobal.unsw.edu.au. You can have a private conversation about how you are feeling.

If you have been raped or forced to have sex with someone, this is a crime. You can report this to a Student Adviser or the police. You should call 000 if you feel in danger.

Your Health

A lot of Australians find smoking unacceptable.

Quitting smoking improves your health and quality of life. Advice on quitting can be found online at www.quitnow.gov.au

Students may not smoke in classrooms, buildings or other non-smoking areas. The UNSW campus is completely smoke free – both inside and outside.

Please observe all No Smoking signs.

Cigarette butts must be disposed of responsibly. Fines apply for littering cigarette butts on the ground.

Useful Numbers

The Emergency number for Police, Ambulance and Fire is **000**.

UNSW Security number 9385 6000 or 1800 626 003

Don't forget if you have any difficulties or questions, please come and talk to a Student Adviser. You can phone us on 9385 6603 or come into the Student Solutions Centre on Level 1, 223 Anzac Parade Kensington NSW 2033.

Other Useful Numbers

Translating and Interpreting Services: 13 14 50
(There is a fee for this service)

Lifeline Telephone Counselling: 13 11 14



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Never Stand Still

Staying Safe in New South Wales



Your personal health, safety and well being are very important to us.

Although Australia is a very safe place, sometimes things can be very different from your home country. Here are some helpful hints and advice.

Walk Safely

In Australia we drive and walk on the left side.

When walking from building L5 Anzac Parade to the UNSW main campus, you must cross a busy road and intersection. Please be careful when crossing the road.

You should always:

- use official pedestrian road crossings
- if there are no pedestrian road crossings, make sure there is no traffic coming from any direction before you cross
- cross when the green man appears, do not cross when the red man appears
- look right, look left, look right again before crossing a road
- try not to use your phone or listen to music while walking, particularly when you are crossing the road or walking in the dark
- at night, walk quickly. If possible, do not walk alone and do not walk through a park.



Cycle Safely

If you ride a bike you should always:

- wear a helmet when you are riding a bike or a motorcycle - this is the law
- ride on the road, not on the footpath
- ride on the same side of the road as the traffic
- wear light or bright coloured clothing
- have lights fitted if you are using your bicycle at night
- lock your bike to a fence or a pole and make sure the lock goes through the frame and the front wheel.



Drive Safely

To drive in Australia, you must have a current driving licence from your home country or an approved international driving permit.

Get to know the local road rules. Road rules and speed limits can vary from State to State, NSW information can be found at www.rta.nsw.gov.au

You must wear a seatbelt at all times in all cars, taxis, trucks etc.

It is illegal to drink alcohol and drive if you are a new (or provisional) driver or you are driving with an overseas licence. While other drivers can drink a small amount of alcohol, it is best to not drink and drive. The NSW police stop cars to do random breath testing to see if drivers have been drinking. You must stop if the police ask you to.

It is illegal to use your phone while driving.

Do not try to give police officers money. This is a serious offence in Australia.



Swim Safely in Australia

Australian beaches and pools are great places to swim but strong currents can take you out to sea very quickly.

Always swim between the yellow and red flags that you see on the beach. This means that a lifeguard is on duty in that area. Other areas of the beach may be dangerous.

Don't swim on your own.

Don't swim if you have been drinking alcohol.

If you are in trouble in the water, face the land and wave your arm in the air to get help.

If you are interested in taking a Surf Safety course please contact our Activities Officer at activities@unswglobal.unsw.edu.au



Party Safely

If you are out drinking with friends take a taxi home or choose one person who will not drink and will drive everyone home safely. If you want to drink, don't drive.

Stay together and leave together. Do not leave a friend alone.

Do not leave your drink somewhere as there have been instances of 'drink spiking' where people put drugs in other peoples' drinks.

18 is the legal drinking age in Australia. You may be asked for identification (ID) to prove you are 18 or over.

If you get drunk in a bar or pub, staff can refuse to sell you more alcohol and ask you to leave. It is an offence not to leave if asked to do so.

It is illegal to have, take or sell drugs including marijuana in Australia. There are serious punishments for this including fines, jail and/or deportation from Australia.

When you go out at night, tell someone where you are going and what time you will be home.

You cannot smoke inside most public buildings, including bars, pubs, clubs and restaurants.

Money

When using an ATM, look around to make sure there are no people looking at your PIN codes. If you feel uncomfortable, stop your transaction and leave.

Do not carry a lot of money with you.

