

Letter to Branches

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Dear Colleagues

National Personal Safety Day 2009 -Monday 12 October

National Personal Safety Day is an annual event organised by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust and aimed at raising awareness of the simple, practical solutions that everyone can use to help avoid violence and aggression in today's society. It's about helping people live safer, more confident lives.

Compared to many countries, public transport in the UK is remarkably safe. Some 6 billion journeys are made by bus, coach, cab, tram or rail each year and incidents of crime against passengers are very rare. However, incidents do happen so it makes sense to take care whether travelling by bus, tram, train or cab.

The theme of National Personal Safety Day 2009, therefore, is safety on journeys involving public transport.

The Trust points out that although the risk of crime happening is low, the perception of crime on public transport is much higher and this can act as a deterrent to many people. Often the journey is considered relatively safe but the journey to and from the bus stop and the environment surrounding the platform/bus stop is not.

Therefore the aim of the **READY STEADY SAFE** campaign is not only to give the public the knowledge to be able to reduce the risks even further but also the confidence to use public transport without fear of becoming a victim of crime.

For Further information from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust:

Get Involved

Click on this link [if you would like to get involved with NPSD this year and get the safety messages out in your area: http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1216](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1216)

Personal Safety Tips

Click on this link for further [advice on how to improve your own safety: http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1220](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1220)

Free Posters & Leaflets

Click on this link [for free posters and booklets outlining our advice on travelling safely: http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1228](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1228)

Schools

Click on this link [for lesson plans and accompanying PowerPoint presentations: http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1222](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1222)

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Click on this link [here](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1221) for safety information suitable for newsletters, intranets and websites: <http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1221>

What are the authorities doing to keep you safe?

Click on this link [here](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1226) to find out what the authorities are doing to improve passenger safety on public transport: <http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1226>

What's happening on the day?

Click on this link [to find out who is doing what to mark National Personal Safety Day:](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1226) <http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1226>

Fundraising Ideas

Click on this link [to find out how raise funds for the Suzy Lamplugh Trust:](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1145) <http://www.suzylamplugh.org/content.asp?PageID=1145>

Yours Sincerely

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