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Active Bystander

Have you ever been on a night out and noticed that someone might be in danger and didn't know what to do? We've all been there but it is important that we are active bystanders within these situations.

Before taking action, always assess whether it is safe for you to do so – your personal safety is always a priority. If it is safe, then try and intervene with one of the four Ds:

Direct Action Calmly call out the negative behaviour, tell the perpetrator to stop or ask the victim if they are ok.

Distract Interrupt the situation – start a conversation with the perpetrator to allow the target to get away or use an excuse to safely remove the target from the situation, such as needing to speak with them.

Delegate If you are not comfortable calling out the situation yourself, get someone else to step in. Venue staff and security will be able to deal with the situation in a safe way

Delay If the situation is too dangerous for you to deal with right then and there, then walk away. When you are in a safe situation then report it with as much detail as you can.

If you deem the situation to be an emergency, always call the police on 999.