

Press Release



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Vehicle safety

People are reminded to take extra care when using taxis and private hire vehicles around the festive season. It pays to remember that you can 'flag' a taxi down or get into one on a rank, but you can't do this with a private hire vehicle.

For your safety, all private hire vehicles licensed by South Northamptonshire Council display yellow door signs telling you that the vehicle must be pre-booked. If you get into a private hire vehicle without booking it first then the driver commits two offences and the vehicle will be uninsured.

South Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes Council have worked jointly in an effective partnership to monitor drivers and stop illegal activity.

This includes regular joint operations in Milton Keynes to ensure that vehicles and drivers are safe. In 2009 both Councils developed a charter to reaffirm and publicise our partnership. The charter has been shared with all of our drivers and operators.

SNC Councillor Dermot Bambridge, portfolio holder for environmental services said: "It's extremely important that people feel safe when using taxis and our partnership with Milton Keynes is committed to making that a priority."

Please call Licensing on 01327 322278 if you have any concerns or suspicions about taxi companies operating in the South Northamptonshire area.

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