

## Your Health and Safety

Please take the following simple steps to ensure your safety:

- Try not to walk alone after dark. If you do have to, stay on well-lit main roads as much as possible. Please do not take short cuts which will take you down alleyways or across churchyards.
- Licensed minicabs are not permitted to stop and pick you up on the street. For
  your safety, you should always book a taxi with a local company. It can be
  difficult to get a taxi late at night during the weekends so we would advise you
  to book your return taxi in plenty of time.
- Try not to use your mobile phone where you can be easily seen. It is better to go to a quieter place and use your phone discreetly.
- We would advise you to avoid carrying large sums of cash and ensure that your keys and credit cards are in a safe place.
- Remember that we drive on the left in Britain; take care when you are crossing the road.

## **Health Advice**

## **The Doctors and Hospitals**

- For minor illnesses, you should go to a chemist and ask the pharmacist for advice.
- If you are an EU citizen, you are entitled to medical treatment under the National Health System. You should present form E111 when you ask for treatment.
- If you are not an EU citizen and are here for less than 6 months, you will have to pay for medical care.
- Students with visas for 6 months or more are also entitled to use the National Health Service. You will need to register with a GP (General Practitioner). We would advise that you ask your homestay hosts for the details of their GP. Any medicines which are prescribed by a Doctor must be collected from a chemist (Boots in Margate). There is a charge of around £6.00 per item.
- In an emergency, please go the Accident and Emergency department of the hospital in Margate. Cases are seen in order of how urgent they are so you may have a long wait for a minor injury or illness.

## **Dentists**

In an emergency, please ask your homestay hosts to help you to make an appointment with their dentist. You will have to pay for dental care.