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In case of an emergency over the holidays, there are people to turn to help you.

The University runs a **Crisis Team** who are available 24/7 for assistance in an emergency:

www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/staff/emergencyandcrisissupport

The **SRC Advice Centre** have a page of emergency contact & links which may be useful:

www.glasgowstudent.net/advice/the-advice-centre/emergency-help

🏠 Home Worries

We also recognise that for some students, returning home can be an uneasy experience, and for some not an option over the holidays.

Some resources for estranged students:

- **Stand Alone** helps support those that are estranged from their family or key family member:

www.standalone.org.uk/about

- **The Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH)**, works to support people who experience mental health problems, homelessness, addictions and other forms of social exclusion: <https://www.samh.org.uk>

For members of the LGBTQ+ community who may need support over the break:

- **LGBT Youth Scotland** offers advice and support if you're part of the LGBTQ+ community:

www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/groups-and-support

- **Stonewall** provide information and support for LGBT communities and their allies, **FREEPHONE 0800 0502020** or: www.stonewall.org.uk/help-and-advice

- **Glasgow University LGBTQ+ Students' Association** also has webpage list of resources:

www.gulgbtqplus.com/welfareresources

as does the University Webpage:

www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/humanresources/equalitydiversity/students/lgbt



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If you're going to be staying in Glasgow and would like to connect with others over the break, or take part in some of the planned activities, then take a look at joining the **UofG Home Alone Facebook Group**:

facebook.com/groups/uofghomealone

Other well-being tips include:

- Head over to glasgowstudent.native.fm for some free festive events by our clubs and societies.
- Check out [GU Volunteering](#) to see what opportunities are on over the break.
- If you can't meet up with people in person, make plans to video chat, Zoom or message.
- If you are feeling lonely, try and think about things you can do to make you feel closer to others. Putting pictures up of people you care about might be a nice reminder of these people in your life.
- If your home feels too quiet, put on a podcast – there are loads of really interesting ones on Spotify.
- Try and make the most of the natural light - go for a walk during the day- the Cloisters in the main building are a great spot to walk to and check out the pretty lights.
- Occupy your time by trying some new winter recipes or learning a new skill.



Sexual Violence

If you been the target of sexual violence or harassment at any point in your life, or know someone who has and would like to talk to someone over the break, the following resources can offer support:

- **The Rosey Project** is the Support and Prevention Programme for young people at **Glasgow Rape Crisis**: www.roseproject.co.uk

They have a Live Connect Service every weekend between 11 am and 2pm (excluding 25th and 28th of December, and 1st and 4th January).

- **Rape Crisis** are open 6pm-12am every day (7pm-11pm Dec 25th and 26th and January 1st and 2nd)

Web: <https://www.rapecrisisscotland.org.uk/>

Call: **08088 01 03 02**

Email: support@rapecrisisscotland.org.uk

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As we approach the Christmas break, the SRC wanted to highlight a number of resources to help you make responsible decisions and stay safe if you, or others around you, are choosing to drink alcohol.

While we recognise that this can be a large part of student culture, we want to ensure you are looking after yourself, know the associated risks, and are staying within safe limits. With that said, here are some useful resources:

- **Drink Aware** - This is a great resource with lots of useful information. Here you can find a self-assessment tool which determines whether the amount you're drinking could be impacting your health, an advice and support section, for yourself or someone else that you're worried about, and an information section about staying safe at University: www.drinkaware.co.uk
- **The Drinkaware App** - This lets you track your consumption by calculating units and calories: www.drinkaware.co.uk/tools/track-and-calculate-units-app
- **NHS One You website** - To see what units are in your drink, what the recommended guidelines are for consumption, and tips for cutting down, see: www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/drink-less/know-your-alcohol-units
- **Togetherall** - Take the 'Cut Down Your Drinking' self-help course: v2.togetherall.com/courses
- **Al-Anon Family Groups** - Provides support to anyone whose life is, or has been affected by someone else's drinking.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Helpline: 0800 9177 650 Web: alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

Alcohol poisoning can occur when a person drinks a toxic amount of alcohol, usually over a short period of time. For information on spotting the signs and symptoms of this, and when to seek help, check out the NHS website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/alcohol-poisoning

Drug related information:

- **Know Cannabis** - Assess your cannabis use, the impact it could be having, and explore how you can make changes: www.knowcannabis.org.uk

- **We Are With You** - Free confidential advice with alcohol, drugs or mental health

www.wearewithyou.org.uk

- **Know the Score** - <https://knowthescore.info/>

- **Adfam** - Information and support for friends and family of people with drug or alcohol problems: adfam.org.uk

- **Talk to Frank**: www.talktofrank.com

If you think negative drinking or drug habits could be related to underlying mental health issues, or anxieties surrounding the current situation, check out some of the below mental health resources.



Mental Health

We understand how difficult 2020 has been and that this time of year can be really difficult for some students with feelings of isolation, loneliness, anxiety and homesickness having potential to worsen. If you have concerns about your own or someone else's mental health, or if you're feeling stressed about the current situation, take a look at some of the resources in our isolation toolkit:

www.glasgowstudent.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GUSRC-Isolation-Toolkit.pdf

Also, note the support from student services that will be available over the Christmas holidays. This includes wellbeing consultations with CaPS, should you need them:

https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/students/newsletter/stories/headline_767071_en.html

Threat to Life:

Immediately call **999**

Contact Campus Security through the Safezone app, or call

Gilmorehill: **0141 330 4444**

Garscube: **0141 330 2222**

Emergency/Crisis:

Contact the University Crisis Team, they can assist students in crisis including suicidal thoughts: **0141 330 4282**

The Samaritans: **116 123**

Breathing Space Helpline: **0800 83 85 87**