UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Working in partnership to get the personal safety message across to students

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The City of Leeds

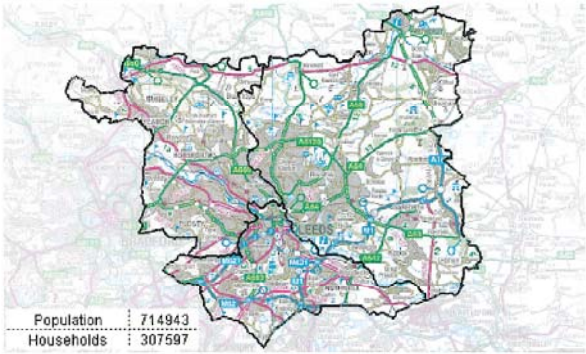
- Population: 715,000, of which 9 – 10 % are students
- Leeds appears to be the fifth worst British university city/town for crime outside of London
- The student population has traditionally centred on NW Leeds, but is now to be found in all three areas of the City
- The new Leeds Safer Partnership Plan now seeks to reduce victimisation of students and their residences

The Least Safe Cities

Ranking 2009 (08)	City	Burglary*	Violence**	Robbery	Total
1 (1)	Nottingham	21.2	0.6	5.7	27.4
2 (2)	Manchester	16.7	1.5	7.6	25.8
3 (4)	Liverpool	16.9	3.2	4.4	24.6
4 (3)	Bristol	16.5	1	5.6	23.1
5 (5)	Leeds	11.8	0.5	1.8	14.1
6 (6)	Birmingham	8.3	0.6	4.7	13.6
7 (7)	Leicester	8.6	0.8	3.3	12.7
8 (9)	Sheffield	9	0.5	1.6	11.1
=9 (10)	Coventry	7.9	0.7	2.2	10.7
=9 (8)	Newcastle	8.9	0.5	1.3	10.7
11 (12)	Oxford	7.7	0.2	1.9	9.8
12 (11)	Belfast	7.5	0.7	1.4	9.6
13 (13)	Cardiff	7.4	0.9	1.2	9.5
14 (14)	Cambridge	6.8	0.4	1.4	8.6
15 (15)	Brighton	6	0.2	1.5	7.8
16 (16)	York	5.8	0.5	0.7	7
17 (17)	Southampton	4	0.2	1.6	5.9
18 (=19)	Lancaster	3.4	0.8	0.5	4.6
19 (18)	Bath	3.6	0.3	0.6	4.4
20 (=19)	Canterbury	3.5	0.3	0.5	4.3

(Source: The Independent, dated 22 May 2008)

Leeds District



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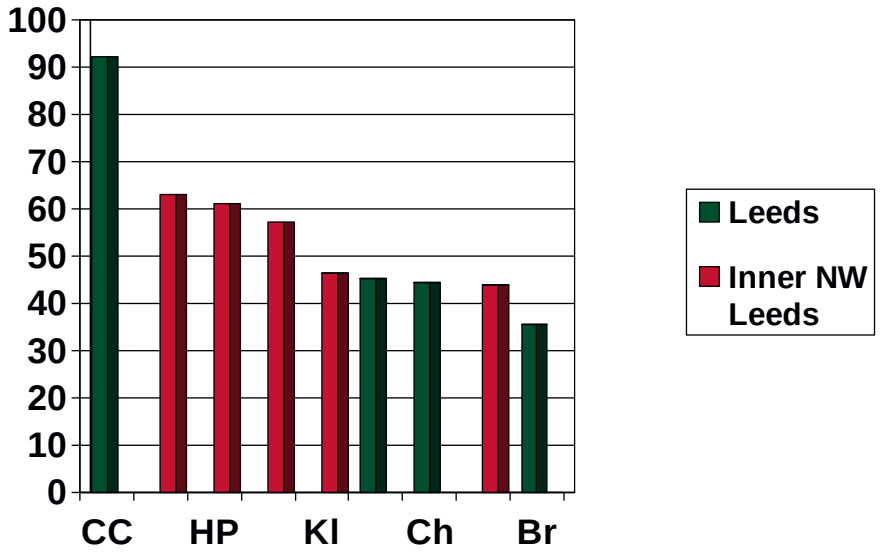
Burglaries in NW Leeds:

Inner NW Leeds has 5 of its beat areas in the worst areas of Leeds affected by burglaries in 2006/07.

Offenders - some local, BUT 65% are from outside of the same postcode area, i.e. they are attracted in to the area.

Victims - anybody who is not vigilant - students and local residents alike, but new students are naïve, and at least 60% of burglaries in student properties are through insecure doors & windows.

(Graph: WYP, no of Burglaries per 1000 households (Oct 06 – Sep 07))



Key - Worst areas for burglaries in Leeds:

City Centre (CC); Headingley; Hyde Park (HP); Woodhouse; Kirkstall (Kl); Killingbeck; Chapeltown (Ch); Far Headingley & Bramley (Br)

Leeds Universities & Colleges Crime Reduction Partnership

Comprises

- Leeds City Council (Environmental Health)
- Leeds College of Art & Design
- Leeds College of Music
- Leeds Met (University) & Leeds Met University Union
- Leeds Trinity & Student Union
- Park Lane College
- The University of Leeds & Leeds University Union
- Unipol Student Homes
- West Yorkshire Police (NW Leeds Division)

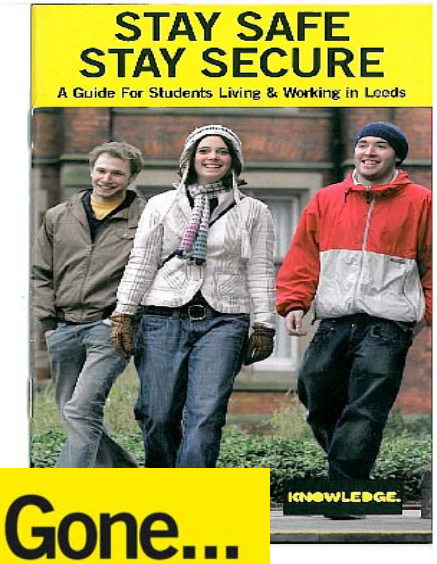
Instigating crime reduction measures

This primarily consists of four key strands:

- **Planning & Coordination** – Multi-agency involvement through Leeds Universities & Colleges Crime Reduction Partnership
- **Physical** – Target hardening of properties
- **Personnel** – Recruitment and budgetary provision
- **Communication** – Provision of appropriate crime prevention advice

Communication

- Joining instructions
- Residence handbook
- Intro talks in Sep
- ‘Stay Safe, Stay Secure’ booklet
- Posters
- Campus Watch
- RCS & Security staff
- RCS & Security web-sites
- E-mail alerts
- Site specific visits



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The Facts : 60% of burglaries happen through an open door or window.
Do you live in a burglary hot spot?
Plus, students in the community - you talk about how you make an impact.
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Group Discussion

- What are the main crime issues that affect students in your area/institution?
- How do students become aware of those crime prevention issues?
- What do you think actually works, and how do you know?
- Do you assess the effectiveness of each campaign, and how?