

SAFE STAY BY SCSC

A Safety & Crime Prevention Guide for Newcomers



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Foreword

Welcome to Hyderabad!

Hyderabad is a city of opportunity, innovation, and diversity. Every year, thousands of newcomers arrive here to build better futures for themselves and their families. Your safety is our priority. This guide is designed to help you protect yourself from scams and crime, understand illegal actions, and know where to seek help.

This guidebook, “Safe Stay”, is a timely and important resource developed to support newcomers arriving in Hyderabad as they begin to build their lives in the city. It covers essential topics, including awareness of common risks related to accommodation, and personal safety, along with practical guidance on verifying housing, avoiding fraud, and accessing help when needed. The guidebook also covers legal responsibilities, basic tenant rights, and the consequences of unlawful activity. In addition, it directs readers to trusted safety and support resources available across Hyderabad, including the Safe Stay Portal by the Society for Cyberabad Security Council.

Newcomers play an important role in contributing to Hyderabad’s growth, diversity, and economic progress. Ensuring their safety and well-being is a shared responsibility of institutions, communities, and individuals. This guidebook is designed to serve as a reliable reference, empowering individuals with knowledge, promoting responsible conduct, and encouraging timely reporting of concerns.

I encourage all readers to carefully review this guidebook and share its information with others who may benefit. Through awareness, cooperation, and responsible action, we can collectively contribute towards building a safer, more secure, and more welcoming Hyderabad for all.



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Don't Be a
Victim. Don't
Commit Crime.

CORE PHILOSOPHY



DON'T BE A VICTIM OF CRIME

STAY ALERT. STAY INFORMED. STAY SAFE.

1. The A.C.T. Safety Method

Scammers and criminals target people who are new or unaware. Use this method to protect yourself:

A - AVOID: Avoid suspicious calls, links, messages, and strangers asking for money or OTPs.

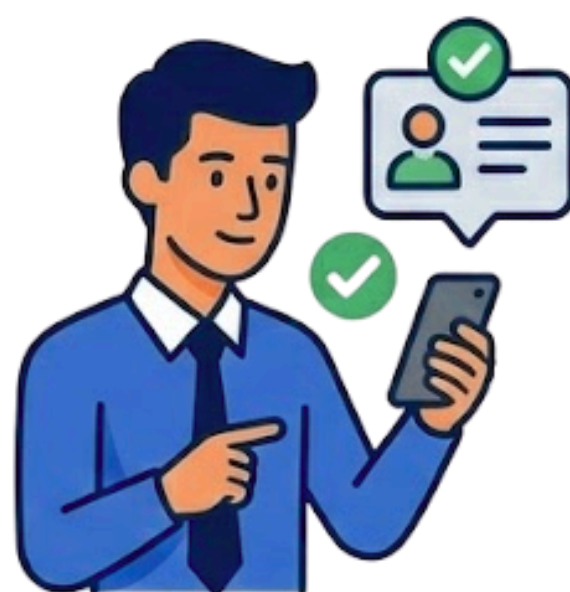
C - CONFIRM: Confirm identities. Verify officials, websites, and offers using official sources.

T - TELL: Tell someone you trust or report to the police immediately.

1. Avoid
(Block Unverified Calls)



2. Confirm
(Check Official ID)



3. Tell
(Call Police Helpline)



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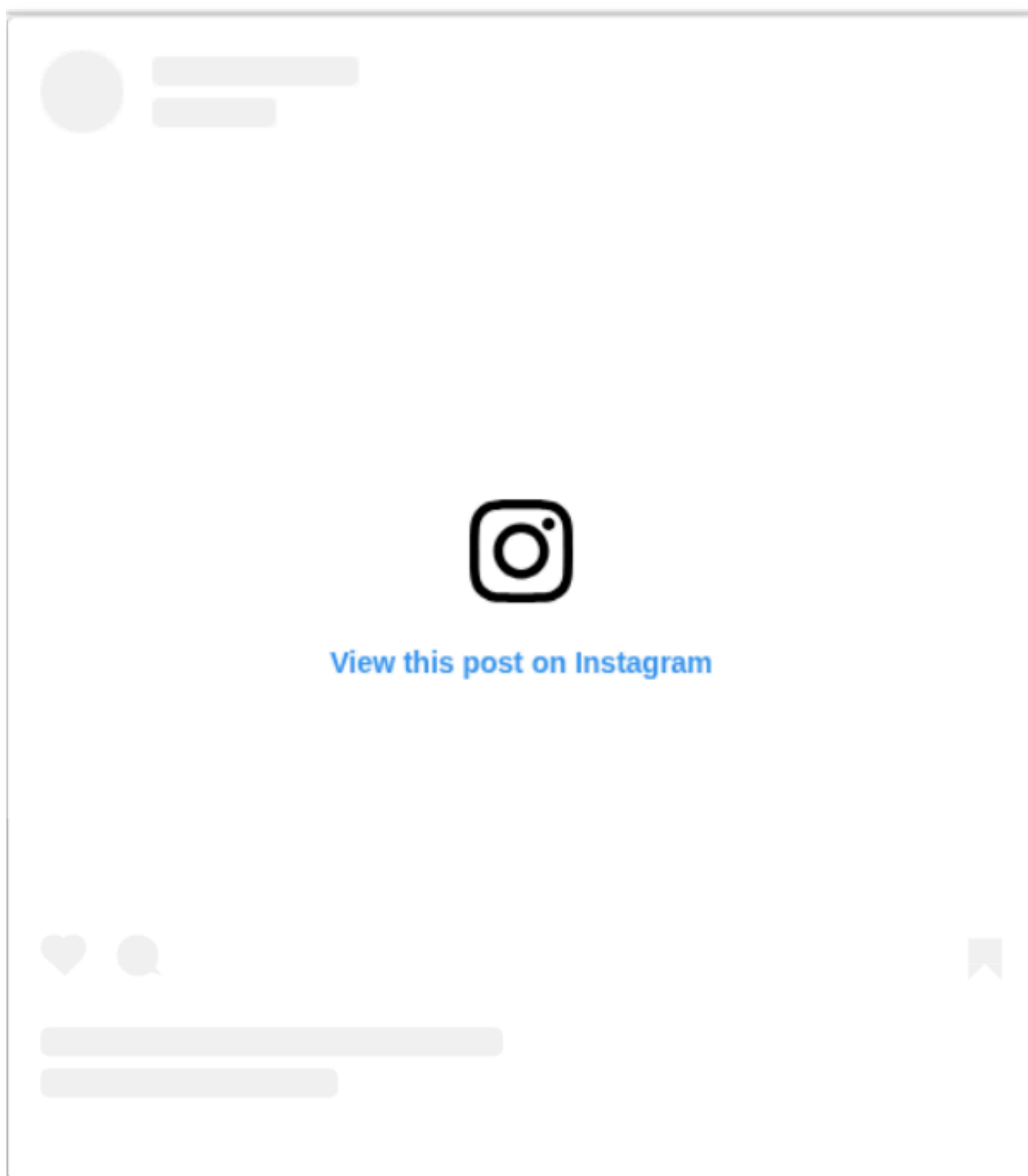
GENERAL SAFETY & ACCOMMODATION

- **Hostel & PG Safety:**

- Always lock your room doors and use lockers for valuables.
- Do not share your passwords with anyone.
- Label your personal items to prevent confusion or theft.

- **Travel Safety:**

- Use the T-Safe app if you need to travel alone for monitoring and safety.



(Click on the image to learn more)



COMMON SCAMS TO AVOID

- **Fake Official Scam:** Scammers pretend to be Police, Bank officers, or Government staff claiming "Your account is under investigation" or "Pay now or you will be arrested".
 - **Safety Rule:** Police will never ask for OTP or money over the phone. Stop, Verify, Report.
- **Online Shopping Scam:** Fake sellers offer "limited-time" deals or very cheap gadgets (e.g., iPhone for ₹999).
 - **Safety Rule:** Be wary of unrealistically low prices. Buy only from trusted platforms. Never send advance payments to strangers.
- **Loan Scam:** Scammers promise "Instant loans" with "No documents" and guaranteed approval via apps or WhatsApp.
 - **Safety Rule:** Legal lenders never message on WhatsApp. Never pay "processing fees" in advance.
- **Phishing / OTP Scam:** Fake messages about winning prizes or bank alerts with links.
 - **Safety Rule:** Do not click unknown links. Never share your OTP—it is your digital signature.



ACTION PLAN: IF YOU ENCOUNTER A SCAM

- **Stop:** Stop communicating immediately.
- **Avoid:** Do not click links or reply.
- **Dial 1930:** Call the National Cyber Crime Helpline immediately.
- **Block:** Block the suspicious number.
- **Report:** Inform the police and your bank.



DON'T COMMIT CRIME

Ignorance of the law is not an excuse. One mistake can end your future.

- **Theft & Property**
 - Stealing from hostels, PGs, workplaces, or shops is a serious crime.
 - Do not borrow items without permission; it is considered theft.
 - **Penalty:** Jail, fine, and criminal record.
- **Harassment & Stalking**
 - Unwanted touching, following, messaging, or filming is a serious crime.
 - **Penalty:** Arrest, jail, and blacklisting.
- **Drugs & Substance Abuse**
 - Drug use, possession, or transportation is illegal. Even small possession is a crime.
 - Drugs destroy health, career, and family.
 - **Penalty:** Jail, job loss, and deportation.



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- **Public Behavior**
- **Alcohol:** Drinking in public places (streets) is restricted.
- **Tobacco & Vaping:** Public smoking, vaping, or chewing tobacco is prohibited and punishable.
- **Fights:** Avoid alcohol-fueled arguments and public disturbances in PGs or hostels.

HELPLINES & SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Essential Emergency Numbers**
 - Police Emergency: 100
 - Cyber Crime Helpline: 1930
 - Ambulance: 108
 - Fire & Rescue: 101
- **Specialized Support Services**
 - SHE Teams (Cyberabad): 94906 17444
 - Cyberabad WhatsApp Helpline: 94906 17444
 - Anti-Drug Helpline (EAGLE - TGANB): 87126 71111
 - Bharosa Centre (Hyderabad): 040-2785 2400 / 040-2785 2200
 - Women's Helpline: 181
 - Child Helpline / Operation SMILE: 1098
 - Tele MANAS (Mental Health Support): 14416
- **SCSC Community Resources**
 - SHE Shuttles: Free transport for women in the IT/industry corridor.
(Timings: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM.)
- **Community Support:** Margadarshaks are available for confidential support.

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