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Carnival Safety Briefing

Why do we need to minimize the risk?

- Law enforcement and criminologists globally have seen a link between spikes in criminal activities and festive holidays, mainly Christmas and the carnival season.
- It's no different in Trinidad and Tobago where there are spikes in larceny from the person (snatch and grab) and robberies (armed or unarmed) during the Carnival and Christmas seasons.
- Criminals tend to strike more during these seasons because they know there are many people out shopping and / or partying. There are more victims out there. The more cars there are, the easier it is for them to blend in.

So, what are you doing for Carnival this year?



Staying home?



Going to Church Camp?



Going to fete?

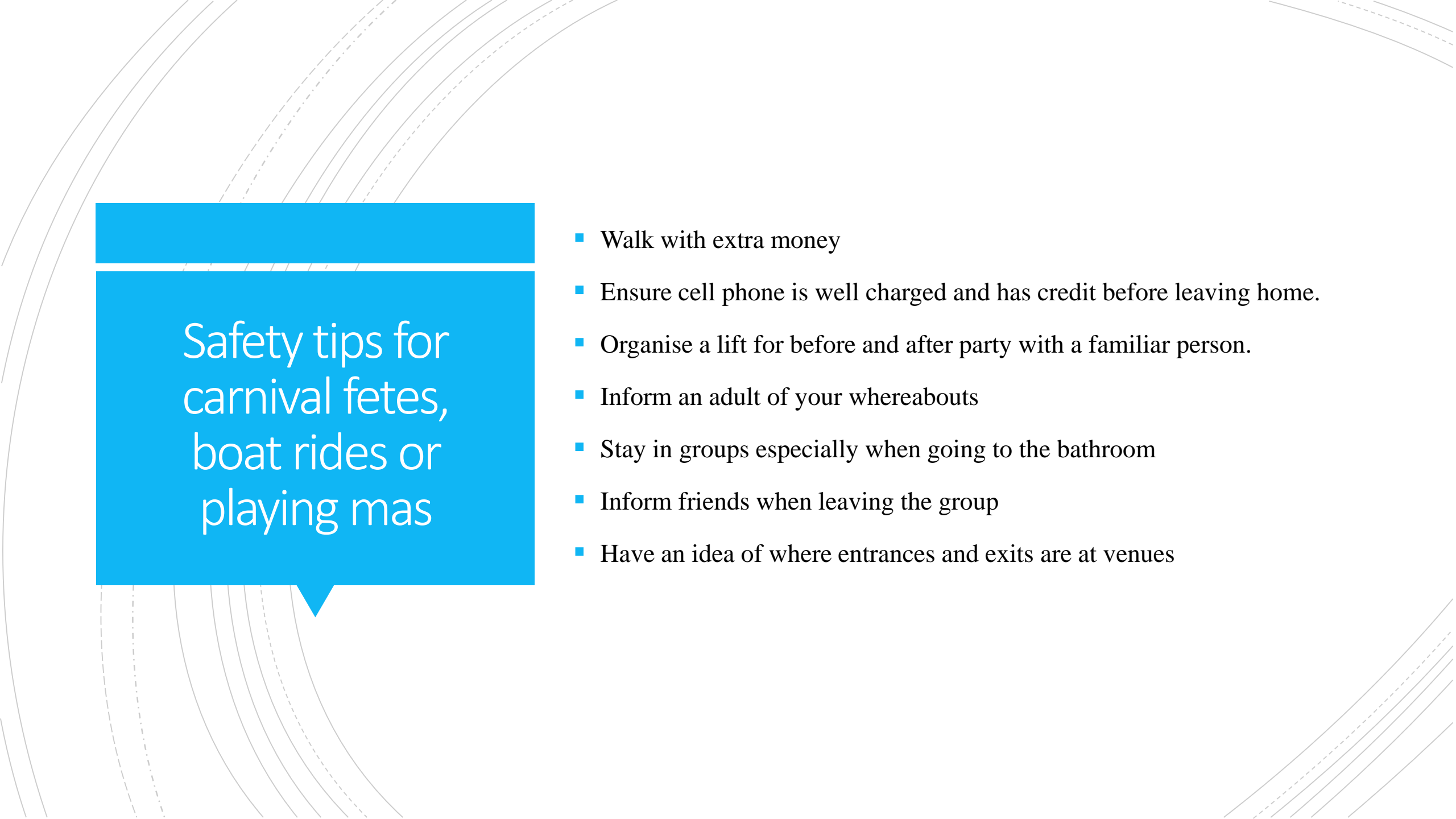
SAFETY TIPS FOR PERSONS AT HOME OR A BEACH HOUSE

- **Lock and secure doors:** there is a high instance of break ins at this time as there is a heavy police presence in the city
- **Stay indoors if possible:** Be mindful of noise levels on radios and tv's to hear if someone is calling or trying to get into the house.
- **Try to avoid being home alone**
- **Never post location** on WhatsApp, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok or Facebook for security purposes.

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SAFETY TIPS FOR PERSONS AT CAMPS, RIVER, BEACHES AND HIKING OUTDOORS

- Walk with medication if necessary. Mosquito repellent is always an asset.
- Move in groups especially when going to the bathroom
- Secure valuables
- Wait an hour before entering the water after a meal,
- Stretch to avoid cramping in the water
- Be mindful of water currents and rough waters
- If you can't swim stay in shallow areas.

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Safety tips for carnival fetes, boat rides or playing mas

- Walk with extra money
- Ensure cell phone is well charged and has credit before leaving home.
- Organise a lift for before and after party with a familiar person.
- Inform an adult of your whereabouts
- Stay in groups especially when going to the bathroom
- Inform friends when leaving the group
- Have an idea of where entrances and exits are at venues

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- Identify security or police officers in case of emergency
- Limit jewellery
- When consuming drinks make sure they are sealed before drinking
- Don't leave drinks unattended (someone may try to drug you)
- Even when someone offers to buy or get drinks go with the person to ensure that the drink is sealed and free of drugs
- If consuming alcohol know your limit. Being overly intoxicated impairs your judgement and your ability to do the right

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- When leaving the venue walk through well lit streets,
- Take note of street names
- When getting into cars make note of the vehicle number
- Never get into cars where drivers are drinking
- If possible text or call someone informing them of the colour and car number.

Laws to note

- Minors under the age of eighteen are not allowed to consume alcohol and could be charged if caught drinking
- Public intoxication is an offence
- Public obscenities (cursing) is a chargeable offence
- Dancing on someone without their permission is a chargeable offence
- Use of marijuana is illegal, minors found smoking cigarettes would be charged
- Minors caught engaging in inappropriate sexual activity would be reported and charged.

Peer pressure

- Never be pressured to do something that is illegal, feels wrong or goes against your values.
- Consider that inappropriate acts could negatively affect your future; disease / ruined reputation

Social media

- Remember not to post your location on social media, give out personal information, post inappropriate videos (dancing cursing etc).
- This could hamper future job opportunities and your overall reputation.

Conclusion

- Wherever you go or whatever you do for the season have respect for yourself and others, remember to utilise general safety tips as the country has become increasingly unsafe and most importantly remember your examinations right after carnival so where possible make study time a priority.
- In addition, **Covid** is still present in our Country. It is equally important to protect yourselves and your relatives at home.
- Remember the 3 W's: **Wash your hands, Wear a Mask and Watch your distance!**