



Stay Safe and Drink Responsibly at Melbourne Cup Events Today

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Minister for Police Michael Daley has reminded people enjoying Melbourne Cup celebrations today to drink responsibly, be conscious of the hot weather and to stay safe.

Mr Daley said Police are particularly concerned this year about people who have been drinking becoming victims of crime.

“Melbourne Cup is a wonderful event that captures the imagination of people right across the state,” he said.

“It’s a great opportunity to take it easy and enjoy the race by relaxing with some friends and colleagues.

“But one thing you can’t afford to bet on is your own safety.

“Every year there seems to be some people who are intent on overdoing it and drinking unsafe amounts of alcohol.

“We are not saying don’t have a beer – just please drink responsibly and take care of yourself. If you’ve had a few drinks, don’t get behind the wheel.

“Police are extremely concerned about intoxicated people – especially women – becoming a victim of crime.

“A number of sexual assaults involving women who had too much to drink have been reported to Police over the past week.

“It’s also forecast to be extremely hot today in Sydney with high UV readings so please take sunscreen and drink plenty of water – particularly if you’re going to be outdoors,” he said.

Mr Daley said Police will be out in force today across Sydney to ensure public safety

“Police have a number of operations scheduled today that will target drink driving and anti-social behaviour,” he said.

“But it’s important to remember that while Police do their best to create safe environments and deal with troublemakers, they can only do so much.

“It’s also about individual responsibility – you have the choice to stop drinking when you’ve had enough.

“Too much alcohol can be the difference between becoming a criminal or a victim of crime.

“So enjoy the race with the rest of the state but please don’t over-do it,” Mr Daley said.