

# BE AWARE BE PREPARED



**NYC**  
Office for the  
Prevention of  
Hate Crimes

## COMMUNITY ALERT

The New York City Anti-Violence Project wants LGBTQ and HIV-affected New Yorkers to feel safe wherever you are, and we have resources to help you if you experience violence or need help planning a safer night out.

Over the past year, we have monitored increased cases of suspicious crimes affecting LGBTQ+ in nightlife spaces in New York City. Although most of the reports were centered in Manhattan, we know that it's important for all of us to remain safe and vigilant no matter where we live, work or play.

We have also been monitoring increased threats toward LGBTQ performers and spaces, particularly around drag-related events, whether at LGBTQ venues or not. Remain vigilant, watch out for each other, and call AVP if you need help. We can also help with safety planning for individuals, groups and venues.

## STAY SAFE WHILE OUT

Incorporate these suggested tips to help you and your friends stay as safe as possible.

- Make a safety plan with AVP
- Use your tech to alert friends of plans
- Passcode not FacelD to protect your phone and data
- Meet in public and practice safety in numbers
- Know your limits when using substances
- Practice safer sex and prepare with supplies
- Trust your instincts and leave if you feel unsafe
- Remember, you can always say no!

## SINCE 1980, AVP HAS BEEN HERE FOR LGBTQ AND HIV-AFFECTED SURVIVORS

If you are LGBTQ and experience violence, we are here for you no matter when or where the violence happened. AVP offers free crisis support, safety planning, and connection to AVP counseling, legal and advocacy services.

Call/text 212-714-1141 or learn more by using the QR code:

