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We reveal the top London boroughs for alcohol-related incidents

17 August 2017**London Ambulance Service has revealed which London boroughs see the highest number of alcohol-related incidents as part of its #NotAnAmbulance campaign.**

The campaign, which encourages people to look after their friends if they have drunk too much, revealed earlier this month that Londoners are getting more drunk in August than in December's party season.

This is why for the first time ever, the UK's busiest ambulance service is running an alcohol campaign in August and sharing a new, 90 second film on its social media channels which highlights the issue.

[Watch our video here.](#)

The boroughs which recorded the highest number of alcohol-related incidents in London are:

- Westminster
- City of London and Hackney
- Camden
- Lambeth
- Southwark

Assistant Director of Operations, Peter Rhodes, "These figures just underline the significant impact alcohol-related incidents have not just on these boroughs, but across the whole of the capital.

"It is no longer a weekend phenomenon as our crews have to respond to alcohol-related calls every day of the week, taking resources away from those who need us most.

"There is then an impact on operations in each of these boroughs as ambulances are taken off the road to be cleaned and disinfected. While we are treating patients who have had too much to drink – others, who are potentially seriously ill or injured could be waiting for our help.

"A lot of the alcohol-related incidents we respond to don't need an ambulance – they need a friend to take responsibility to get them home safely and look after them."

Westminster

Figures show that, in Westminster, over 6,650 people were treated by ambulance crews after drinking too much last August (2016) – compared to less than 6,000 in December (2016).

In Westminster there were a total of 400 alcohol-related incidents in August 2016, and over 4,830 recorded incidents throughout the year.

City of London and Hackney

Paying tribute to Eric Roberts, Unison Branch Secretary

Figures show that, in the City of London and Hackney, over 6,650 people were treated by ambulance crews after drinking too much last August (2016) – compared to less than 6,000 in December (2016).

Two hundred new ambulance vehicles for London

In The City of London and Hackney there were a total of 305 alcohol-related incidents in August 2016, and over 3,272 recorded incidents throughout the year.

Paramedics half-century of saving lives in London

Camden

Figures show that, in Camden, over 6,650 people were treated by ambulance crews after drinking too much last August (2016) – compared to less than 6,000 in December (2016).

Statement - Road traffic collision on Ladbroke Grove

In Camden there were a total of 335 alcohol-related incidents in August 2016, and over 3,427 recorded incidents throughout the year.

Statement - Croydon tram incident

London Ambulance Service medics attacked with fireworks

Lambeth

Figures show that, in Lambeth, over 6,650 people were treated by ambulance crews after drinking too much last August (2016) – compared to less than 6,000 in December (2016).

Remember Remember stay safe this November

In Lambeth there were a total of 329 alcohol-related incidents in August 2016, and over 3,419 recorded incidents throughout the year.

TV documentary prompts pizza praise

Service joins 100 black taxis on the Children's Magical Taxi Tour

Southwark

Figures show that, in Southwark, over 6,650 people were treated by ambulance crews after drinking too much last August (2016) – compared to less than 6,000 in December (2016).

Annual public meeting Tuesday 27 September

In Southwark there were a total of 292 alcohol-related incidents in August 2016, and over 3,051 recorded incidents throughout the year.

London Ambulance offers viewers unprecedented access in new TV series

Lennard Road - Road Traffic Collision, 31 August 2016

Ends

Over 1000 people treated at Notting Hill Carnival

Top tips for a safe night out:

- Eat before drinking: Make sure you eat before you go out or start your night somewhere that serves meals or snacks. It'll provide more energy, and lessen your hangover the next day.
- Try pacing and spacing: Having a soft drink or some water between alcohol drinks slows the rate of your drinking.
- Drink smaller drinks: A large glass of wine in most bars is equivalent to a third of a bottle!
- Keep a check on how much you're drinking: The 'One You Drinks Tracker' will help you keep track of how much you are drinking and spending
- Look after each other: Look after your friends and colleagues and make sure you know how you are getting home at the end of the night
- Plan your journey home: Don't leave it to chance—think about how you're going to get home, and who with, before you go out. Make arrangements before you start drinking, and make sure you don't get left to walk home alone.

Fire in Harrow

Hundreds more clinical staff on the frontline but not enough people from BME backgrounds

Paramedics praise five year old boy for helping to save his nan's life

Hundreds more emergency calls in London because of hot weather

Paramedic features in latest Historic England exhibition

Notes to Editors

- Last August (2016) we responded to 6,653 alcohol-related incidents compared to 5,938 in December 2016.
- 25% of all alcohol-related incidents a week occur between midnight – 6am on a Saturday and Sunday
- Top five boroughs for alcohol – related incidents:

Thief steals London Ambulance Service bike

Remembering 7 July 2005

Chief Executive speaks at launch of Living on the Edge report

Eat, Drink and Be Safe as Euro 2016 kicks off

Borough Alcohol-related incidents – total for 2016

Westminster	4,830
Camden	3,427
Lambeth	3,419
City & Hackney	3,272
Southwark	3,051

Paramedic honoured at Buckingham Palace

Incident in Russell Square, WC1

Smartphone app alert helps volunteer first aiders save a life

Ealing butcher praises London Ambulance Service medics for excellent care

Fire in Shepherds Bush

Increase in assaults on London Ambulance Service staff

Hero ambulance medic stops moped muggers in their tracks

London Ambulance Service gets ready for Notting Hill Carnival

Medic's bright idea makes ambulance crews even more accessible to blind patients

Incident at London City Airport

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London Ambulance Service gears up for this weekend's Mad Friday

Skip the dreaded tinsel-itis and have your medication ready this Christmas

Ten years in the hot zone

Busiest night ever predicted for London Ambulance Service this New Year

Technical issues in our control room

London Ambulance medic honoured with Queen's Ambulance Service Medal

Don't get caught out in the cold, warns London Ambulance Service

Medics to provide life-saving support to refugee camps

Statement on incident in Southend Arterial Road

Prince Harry visits London Ambulance Service to launch Time to Talk Day

Innovator behind London's cycle paramedics praised at Healthcare Heroes exhibition

Fate brings man together with paramedic who helped save his life

Leadership team strengthened with two new non-executive directors

London Ambulance Service responds to Storm Doris

Card launched to improve safety of expectant mothers

Banker thanks life savers with charity run

New spit kits issued to track down offenders who spit at London's life savers

Prince William visits ambulance staff who treated patients in Westminster attack

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- Follow us on Twitter using the hashtag #NotAnAmbulance and like us on Facebook for the latest news and information.

Stock up on medication ahead of the long weekend, warns ambulance service

Statement following an incident on Warburton Road, E8.

London Ambulance Service appoints new Chief Executive

London Ambulance Service medic honoured at Buckingham Palace

Firefighter grants paramedic a final goodbye with fiancée

Paramedic who apprehended a violent criminal is awarded police commendation

Statement on the incident at London Bridge

Statement on the incident at Seven Sisters Road

Thousands more emergency calls during hottest week of the year

Investigation into 999 computer system outage on New Year's Day 2017

London Ambulance Service leads the way at Pride in London

Life-saving defibrillators rolled out across London thanks to emergency services partnership

Paramedic mugged by moped gang in London's West End

London Ambulance Service marks 100,000 followers milestone

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Ambulance crews prepare for Notting Hill Carnival

Statement on the incident at Parsons Green

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Taking care in the hot weather

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Give blood

Know your blood pressure