

# Section 5



# Taxis

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# About licenced taxis

All Taxis should have licence plates on the front and back.



The colour of the licence plates shows what type of taxi it is. **Never** use a taxi that does not have a license plate.



A licensed taxi driver must have a green badge showing their photograph and licence number.



**Never** use a taxi if the driver does not have a green badge.



## *When using a taxi*

- Always sit in the back of the taxi
- Don't talk to the driver about private things. If you want to chat keep it simple like the weather.



## *Fares*

- Some taxis use meters to work out the fare
- You should not be charged more than is shown on the meter
- If the taxi does not have a meter ask the driver how much the fare will be
- Have your money ready when you get near where you're going.



# Remember...

When you book a taxi -

- Tell them what time you want the taxi
- Say where you are and where you want to go
- Ask how much the fare will be.

# Public Hire Taxis

In Belfast a public hire taxi will have **yellow** license plates and will usually look like this.



Outside Belfast this type of taxi will usually look like a normal car but it must have **white** taxi licence plates.



To can get one of these taxis at a taxi rank or you can stop a taxi in the street by holding out your arm.

You don't have to phone up and book.

# Private Hire Taxis

A private hire taxi usually looks like a normal car but they must have a **green** license plate.

They sometimes will have a roof sign that shows the name of the Taxi Company.

You **cannot** stop these taxis in the street.

You must **phone up** and book private hire taxis or call in at a taxi depot.

Some private hire taxis use meters to work out the fare but they should be able to give you some idea of the price at the time you book.

Ask **friends and family** if they can tell you about a good taxi company that they use.



## Remember...

Always carry the number of a taxi company when you go out.

# Taxi Buses

Taxi buses look like this and have **blue** or **white** taxi licence plates.

They work like buses on routes in west and north Belfast picking up and leaving off passengers at bus stops or on demand.

You will be charged a set fare and you may have to share the taxi with other people.

