

Student Safety

Crime Prevention

Safer schools officers are here to develop positive relationships between young people and the Police. We provide visible reassurance before, during and after school. We work alongside the school and parents in early intervention, preventing young people becoming either victims or perpetrators of crime.

What is "Robbery"?

Under Section 8 of the Theft Act 1968, a person will be guilty of the criminal offence of robbery if they steal, and immediately before or at the time of doing so, and to do so, they use force on any person or puts or seeks to put any person in fear of being then and there subjected to force.



Police contacts

Emergency – 999

Non Emergency – 101

Website – www.met.police.uk



Fearless

Fearless is the dedicated youth service of the independent charity Crimestoppers. They provide you with the opportunity to give information about crime 100% anonymously.

You can give information to them by using their online form (<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless/what-is-fearless/who-we-are>) or by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

They cannot track your IP address or your phone number. They have no way of knowing who has contacted them.

After receiving your completed form or your call, they will create a report, ensuring it doesn't contain any information that could identify you, and generate a report which is then sent on to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to review the information that has been passed to them.



IF YOU SEE A ROBBERY TAKING PLACE...

Thieves may use force or threatening behaviour. It's better to hand items over than risk your own safety. If you see a robbery or one has just taken place call police on 999. You can still report later on 101 or online.

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM

Crime prevention advice can help reduce your chances of being robbed, but it may still happen to you. It can be a frightening experience and leave you feeling worried afterwards, especially if you felt threatened or violence was used. Talking to a parent or adult you trust can help.

KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT STREET ROBBERY?

If you have any information about street robbery taking place in your area, you can tell us what you know **100% anonymously** at [Fearless.org](https://www.fearless.org)

STREET ROBBERY

Robbery is when force is used or threatened to steal items. Thieves often target people who are distracted, so keeping your valuables including your mobile phone and other devices hidden ensures you're more alert.

HOW CAN I STAY SAFE?

- When out and about – be aware of your surroundings.
- Stay alert when walking along the road for criminals who might use bikes/mopeds or e-scooters to snatch phones/valuables.
- Try not to walk along with your phone or valuables on show.
- Earbuds/Headphones can be a distraction.
- Plan your route and use forms of transport that others are using and avoid shortcuts in isolated places.

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METROPOLITAN
POLICE

TOTAL POLICING

Protect yourself from Mobile Phone theft

Don't leave your phone, iPad, tablet or camera unattended, out of your sight, or left on a table. Thieves can grab a phone from a table in seconds.

Be aware of your surroundings and only use your mobile when it feels safe to.

When you've finished using it, put it away.



As police officers, our job is to keep you safe and stop people who want to steal property like phones, cash, earphones and even expensive coats or trainers.

You can help us do that by being careful where you use your phone and taking care of cash and other valuable items.

Don't fight back, it's not worth the risk when a phone can be replaced.

- Tell us if someone robs you or tries to. It's important you get help straight away by dialling **999** using a friend or trusted adult's phone rather than contacting police when you get home. This gives us the best chance to catch the suspects, recover stolen items and make sure you're safe.

KEEPING YOU AND YOUR PHONE SAFE

Getting a phone is really exciting. You can stay in touch with friends and find out more about the world.

5 TIPS TO KEEP SAFE

- Keep your phone and valuables out of sight and in a safe place. Take care when you take them out especially near bus stops and train stations.
- Stay alert and remember earphones/headphones can distract you from being aware of someone approaching from behind you. Thieves can approach on mopeds, e-scooters and pedal cycles.
- If you don't want to talk to police – contact Fearless online, without giving your name, at www.fearless.org
- Memorise or keep a note of a parent/carer's phone number in a separate place in case of emergency.

**YOU CAN HELP
US PROTECT AND
TRACK YOUR PHONE
IF IT'S STOLEN.**

**HERE'S 3 THINGS
YOU CAN DO:**

- Your phone will have security features such as a passcode or fingerprint/face ID. Make sure you use it to protect access to your phone.
- Tracker apps can help locate your phone if it's lost or stolen. Ask a parent to show you how to set one up.
- Record the phone's IMEI number in a separate place at home. Find this by typing in ***#06#**. You'll need to give this number to police if it's stolen.

For more information go to
[www.fearless.org/
campaigns/robbery](http://www.fearless.org/campaigns/robbery)



STAY SAFE GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

We want children to be as safe as possible on the school journey.

- Stay aware of your surroundings when walking.
- Try not to walk along with your phone or valuables out on show.
- Plan your route and use forms of transport others are using.
- Avoid shortcuts in isolated places.
- Don't confront a thief or risk your own safety.

Robbery is a serious crime that should be reported, this includes any attempts to rob victims of their property.

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OR REPORT IS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON 101 OR AT MET.POLICE.UK**

