

## London takes safety seriously: February 2026

**While crime does occur in London – as it does in any global city – overall crime rates in the capital are falling:**

- **Total recorded crime:** Down 2.4% (Dec 2024-Nov 2025 vs. Dec 2023-Nov 2024)
- **Homicide:** At a five-year low, down 16% (Dec 2024-Nov 2025 vs. Dec 2023-Nov 2024)
- **Personal robbery:** Down 15% (Dec 2024-Nov 2025 vs. Dec 2023-Nov 2024)
- **Violence with injury:** Down 14% (Dec 2024-Nov 2025 vs. Dec 2023-Nov 2024)

**London's homicide rate is lower than every US state – including New York – and major international cities Paris, Brussels, Berlin and Madrid.**

**When spikes in crime do occur, targeted action has made a difference.** For example, a recent surge in mobile phone theft in London's West End was met with swift intervention by the Metropolitan Police, backed by the Mayor of London:

- Since April, theft in the area is down by more than 25%.
- A major international criminal network linked to 40% of all mobile phones stolen in the city was successfully disrupted.
- Police officer presence has doubled in the West End.
- Last year, there was a 12% decrease in phone theft with 10,000 fewer mobile phones stolen compared to 2024.
- An additional £4.5m is being invested to further reduce phone theft in the capital.

The Metropolitan Police is working closely with local businesses to protect retail workers and communities, with **89% more shoplifting cases solved** (Jan 2025-Nov 2025)

The Mayor of London and city leaders remain committed to doing everything possible to keep London safe for everyone.

**We urge everyone to keep staying informed through trusted, official sources** such as the Metropolitan Police and the Mayor's office, and to [be cautious about unverified claims circulating online](#).

Source: All data from Greater London Authority, MPS Crime Dashboard or MOPAC analysis of MPS Crime Dashboard data, unless otherwise stated. Data as of December 2025.