

London takes safety seriously: January 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 2023-Nov 2024 vs. Dec 2024-Nov 2025)
- **Homicide:** At a five-year low, down 16% (Dec 2023-Nov 2024 vs. Dec 2024-Nov 2025)
- **Personal robbery:** Down 15% (Dec 2023-Nov 2024 vs. Dec 2024-Nov 2025)
- **Violence with injury:** Down 14% (Dec 2023-Nov 2024 vs. Dec 2024-Nov 2025)

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.

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 MPS Crime Dashboard or MOPAC analysis of MPS Crime Dashboard data, unless otherwise stated. Data as of December 2025.