

ROBBERY

There have been an increase in the number of robberies across the city involving younger victims.

We have increased patrols and will be actively targeting thieves using a number of police tactics.

Wolverhampton is one of the safest cities in the UK. By following the below advice, you can further decrease the chances of becoming a victim of robbery.

- Look confident and listen to your instincts – know your route, avoid alley ways, dark places and badly lit streets.
- Stay alert – do not let headphones block out traffic, strangers or potential trouble.
- Keep valuables, especially jewellery and mobile phones, out of sight. Put jewellery chains under clothing.
- If you suspect you're being followed, cross the street several times.
- If you still think you are being followed, try to get away from the situation. If necessary, run to a busy area such a shop or café.
- Seek help from someone such as a shopkeeper or hotel receptionist.
- Shout a clear instruction such as "call the police". Even if you don't see anyone nearby, this could still frighten off attackers.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will be back. If you can, please travel with at least one other person
- If you take a different route home from your friends, let each other know that you've arrived safely. Call or text your friend once you arrive home safely.
- Wait for the bus, tram or train at a busy place and sit as near as possible to the driver.
- Never be afraid to use the emergency cord if in danger.
- If you are robbed, try to remember as much detail as you can, for example descriptions of offenders and contact the police.

Detective Chief Inspector Shigdar, Wolverhampton Police Crime Manager

To contact the police by phone, 24 hours a day, call: 101

If you feel you life is in danger or a crime is in progress, call: 999

