

ПРОТИДІЯ ВУЛИЧНІЙ ЗЛОЧИННОСТІ У ВЕЛИКІЙ БРИТАНІЇ COUNTERACTING STREET CRIME IN GREAT BRITAIN

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In the United Kingdom, street crime is an offense that takes place in a public place. This usually refers to: dealing drugs, prostitution, vandalism and robbery.

The Illegal drug trade is a global black market that is dedicated to the cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, and sale of drugs that are subject to drug prohibition laws. Prostitution itself (the exchange of sexual services for money) is legal, but a number of related activities, including soliciting in a public place, curb crawling, owning or managing a brothel, pimping and pandering, are crimes. Vandalism is the intentional and malicious destruction of or damage to the property of another. Robbery means taking of money or goods in the possession of another, from his or her person or immediate presence, by force or intimidation.

In England and Wales, there were launched street level crime maps in January 2011. Any citizen can enter his/her postcode, town, village or street into the search box below, and get instant access to street-level crime maps and data, as well as details of their local policing team and beat meetings.

Latest statistics show that crime is continuing to fall in England and Wales. Both key, independent measures of crime – police recorded crime and the Crime Survey for England and Wales – show crimes against households and adults fell by 10% in the year to September 2013. The Crime Survey of England and Wales (CSEW) shows overall crime fell to the lowest level since the survey began in 1981. The survey shows a 13% fall in violence, household theft is down 19% and vandalism has dropped by 8%. Crime Prevention Minister Norman Baker said that England and Wales are safer than they have been for decades with crime now at its lowest level since the survey began in 1981.

The National Policing Improvement Agency for the Home Office has developed a website which brings together the individually published crime figures from all police forces in England and Wales over a three-month period against the same period for the previous year. Many police forces provide online forms and information about alternative contact methods (like text messaging or email) on their individual websites.

Street crimes are crimes that often involve violence or threats. While the likelihood of this happening is small, the citizens should be aware of what they can do to keep themselves and their property safe. Here they are:

- If you have to walk alone at night take extra care. Stay on roads that are well lit and relatively busy, plan your route in advance.
- Be careful with your electronics; talking on a mobile phone, listening to an MP3 player or carrying a laptop bag shows thieves that you have something to steal.
- If you are travelling by yourself and you know how to get home, using public transport is safer than walking.
- Never leave your bags or other valuables unattended in public places.
- The most common item stolen in a robbery is a mobile phone, so make sure you keep your phone safe.

The Home Office, along with other government departments, is working to reduce gang and youth violence in England and Wales. They have introduced new offences of threatening with a knife in a public place or school, which will help improve prosecution rates; dedicated £1.2 million to fund 13 support workers for girls vulnerable to, or suffering from, gang-related sexual violence; made gang injunctions for under 18-year-olds available to the police and local authorities, introduced changes to firearms legislation in the new Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill, that are currently going through Parliament.