

# MAYOR OF LONDON

OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

# Police and Crime Plan

## 2025 to 2029



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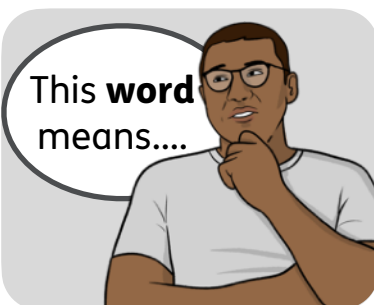
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



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# About this booklet



This is the Police and Crime Plan from the Mayor of London.

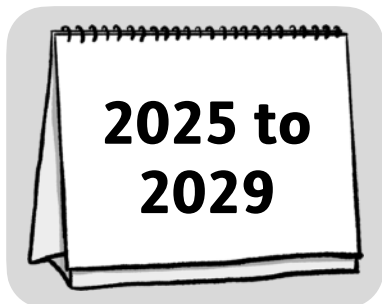


The plan will say what we think are the most important things to help us:

- Have less crime in London.



- Keep people safe.



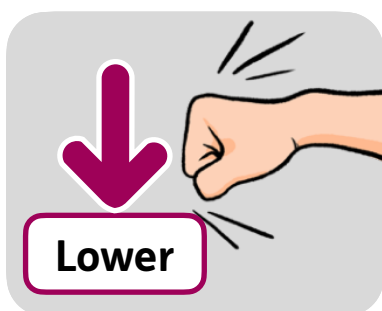
The plan is about how we will do this in the next 4 years, from 2025 to 2029.

# About the plan

Our 4 aims for the plan are:



- Make London safer.



- Lower the amount of violence.



- Help the police service get better.



- Improve how criminals are punished and how victims are supported.



In this booklet, we will tell you how we will work on these aims.

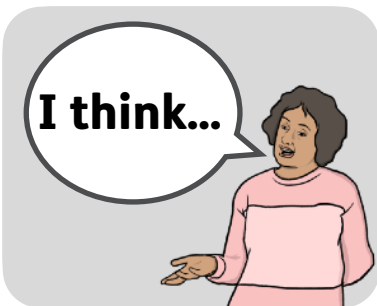


We will also tell you how we will check if we have achieved these aims.

## What people said



We talked to people who live in London and organisations in the city to find out what they think about the plan.



They also told us about what matters most to them and what we should do to make London safer.



We used what they said to help us write this final plan.

# Lower the amount of violence

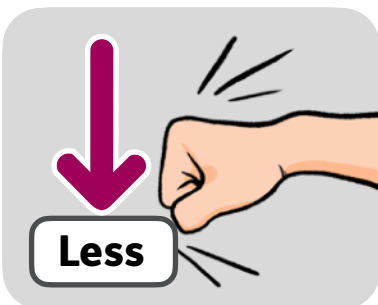


Violent crime hurts people and stops them from feeling safe.



Groups who face a lot of unfairness are more likely to be affected by violent crime.

This can make things even less fair.

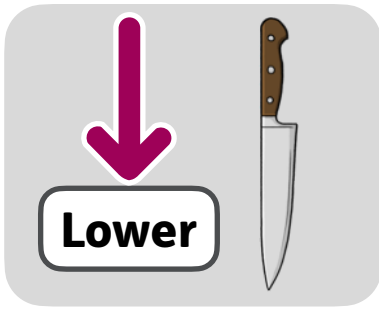


People are less likely to be victims of violent crime in London than in other parts of the UK.

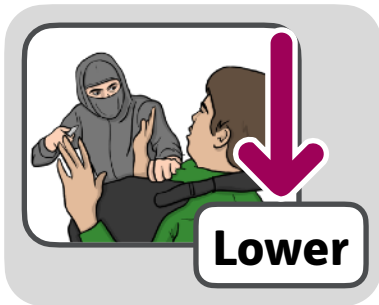


But some types of crime have gone up in London, like **robbery** and **theft** - these are words that mean stealing someone else's things.

The Mayor aims to:



- Lower the number of knife crimes where someone is hurt.



- Lower the number of robberies that happen with a knife.



- Make sure that people who are violent are punished.



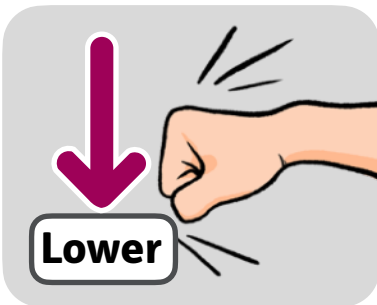
- Protect people from being used by criminals to do bad things.



To make these aims happen, the Mayor will:



- Lead the way in stopping people from getting into violent crime across London.



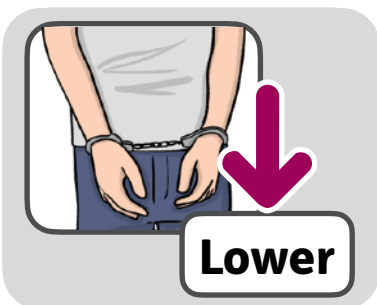
- Support activities that lower the amount of violent crime.



- Support activities that stop people from being used by criminals to do bad things.

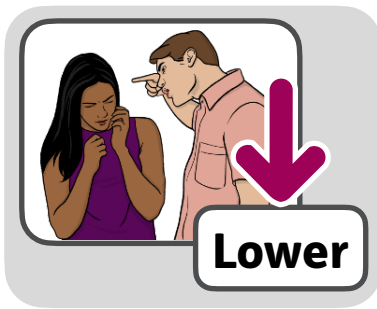


This could include helping services to give more support to people who become homeless.

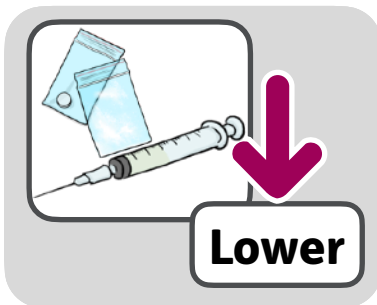


- Work with other organisations to lower the number of people who commit crimes again and again.

To make these aims happen, the Mayor will also:



- Work to lower the amount of violence against women and girls.



- Lower the number of people who are hurt by people selling illegal drugs.



- Take a stand against hatred and extreme ideas, and support organisations that work against **terrorism**.



**Terrorism** is when people cause damage to property or harm to other people to show the world what they believe in.



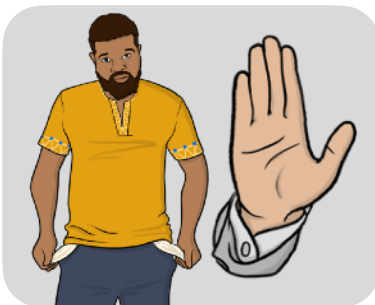
The Mayor will also keep supporting the **Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)**.

The **Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)** is a service that helps stop violent crime from happening.

The VRU will do this by:



- Helping children and young people in London to feel safe and have better chances in life.



- Stopping problems that lead to violent crimes, like not having enough money.



The VRU will work with other organisations and people in London to do this.

# Make London safer



The Mayor wants all people who live in London to be safe and feel safe in their city.



Lower crime and higher safety can:

- Help make London an even better place to live.



- Help everyone in London be healthier and happier.



- Help communities in London get stronger.



- Help bring more money into London.



Lowering the number of crimes can be difficult and can take a long time.



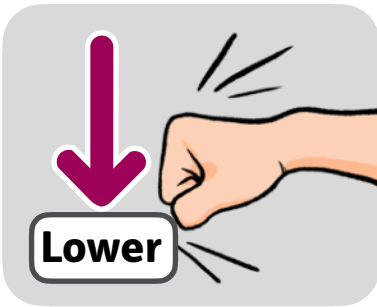
The police and other organisations have not had enough money in the last 8 years to do their jobs properly.



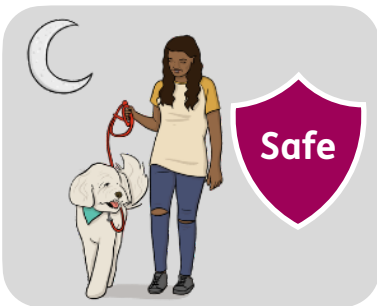
We have worked on these problems over the last 8 years and this plan will help us to carry on.



We have 4 areas of work that we will focus on in the next 4 years. These are:



1. Lowering the number of people who become victims of crimes.



2. Helping people feel safer when they walk alone in their local area at night.



3. Helping people worry less about **anti-social behaviour**.

**Anti-social behaviour** is things like making too much noise, damaging people's things or being violent.



4. Helping people to trust the police more.

To make these aims happen, the Mayor will:



- Make sure that the police in local areas have what they need to keep people safe and do their jobs well.



- Work with travel companies to make it safer to travel in London.



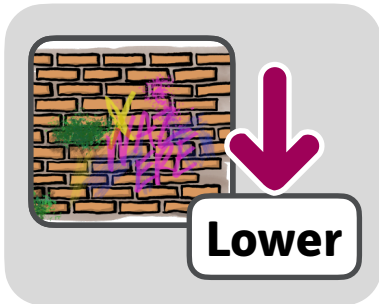
- Help groups fight against hate and **discrimination**.

**Discrimination** is when you are treated badly or unfairly because of your gender, race, religion, disability, health condition or sexual orientation.

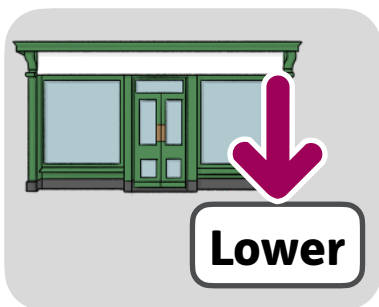


- Help people to be safe online.

To make these aims happen, the Mayor will also:



- Work with other organisations to lower the amount of crime and anti-social behaviour.



- Work with businesses to lower the amount of crime in shops.



- Make public spaces like parks safer for everyone.



# Help the police service get better



It is important that people trust the police to do their job well.



The police have special powers to lock people up or use force on them.



It is important that the police use these powers in a fair way.



In London, there have been some events that have meant people have lost some trust in the police.



The Mayor and the **Met Police Commissioner** are working hard to improve the police service people get.

The **Met Police Commissioner** is in charge of the police and keeping people safe in London.



The Mayor aims to:

- Improve people's trust in the police.



- Make sure different groups of people trust the police.



These aims will help people in London to feel safer.



This will mean that people are more likely to report crimes and help the police.

To make these aims happen, the Mayor will:



- Have better checks to make sure that the police are working well and following the rules.



- Support activities that help make sure that the police do what they say they will do.



- Help more people trust the police by making it easier for people to see and understand what the police do.



- Help more police officers and the public to trust the police by making the police service better.



- Make sure that the police have enough money to do their jobs properly.

# Improve how criminals are punished and how victims are supported

It is very important that we have:



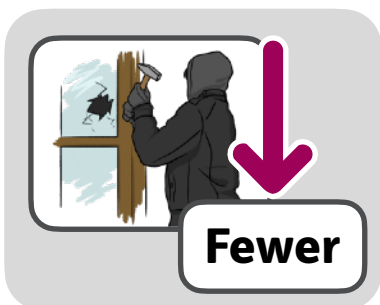
- The right support for victims of crime.



- A system that gives the right punishment to criminals quickly and fairly.



Giving victims the right support helps them to cope and get better after a crime.

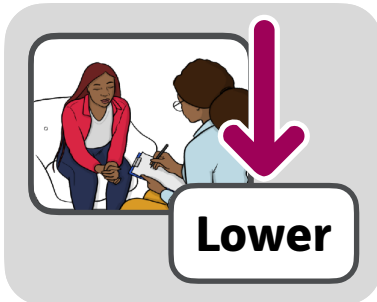


Having a system that punishes criminals quickly and fairly means fewer people would commit crimes.

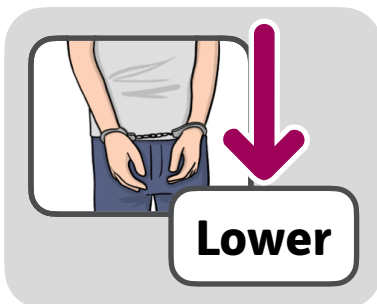


The Mayor has improved the services and support for victims since 2016.

The Mayor aims to:



- Lower the number of people who are victims of more than 1 crime.



- Lower the number of people who commit more than 1 crime.



- Increase the number of victims who feel happy with the support they get.

To make these aims happen, the Mayor will:



- Support the police to provide better services for victims of crime.



- Support the system of punishing criminals so that it improves.



- Work with organisations that support criminals to stop them from committing crimes again in the future.



- Set up very good support services for victims of crime.



- Provide safe places to stay for victims of **domestic abuse** and their children.

**Domestic abuse** is when you are harmed by a family member or someone you live with.



To make these aims happen, the Mayor will also support the work of **London's Independent Victims' Commissioner**.

**London's Independent Victims' Commissioner** is Claire Waxman OBE.

Her job is to:



- Stand up for the **rights** of victims.

**Rights** are things that every person should have by law. Like the right to be safe and the right to be respected.



- Make sure that victims are listened to and get the support they need.

# Making the plan work



London is a city with lots of different groups of people living in it.



So we will need to check how this plan affects all of the different groups, and people who are in more than 1 group.



We will work with other organisations to make this plan work. We will call them our **partners**.



We will carry on looking at how we can find out what our partners think to help us improve our work.



We will carry on giving money to local councils to help them provide services that lower crime.



# Checking if the plan is working

We will use lots of different information to:



- Find out about crime and safety in London.



- Check how this plan is working.



When we do this, we will think about how crime affects different groups of people in different ways.

To find out how we are doing, we will measure things like:



- How much violent crime there is.



- How much people trust the police.



- How we deal with complaints.



We will also use information from our partner organisations to find out how the plan is working.

# Tell us what you think



You can find out more about how to tell us what you think on our website here:

[www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac](http://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac)



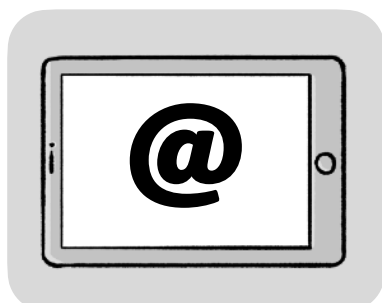
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