

## Southampton Underpass Assault Sparks Police Manhunt

August 10, 2025

— Categories: Breaking News



Download IPFS

Police in Southampton are appealing for witnesses after a 17-year-old girl was sexually assaulted in broad daylight near Bitterne Library.

The incident occurred around 1:10 pm on Wednesday, 6 August, when the teenager was approached by a man on Dean Road. According to Hampshire Police, the suspect asked

inappropriate questions before forcibly dragging the girl down a flight of stairs into a subway underpass. He then allegedly touched her inappropriately over her clothing.

The assault was interrupted when members of the public entered the underpass from the opposite side, prompting the suspect to flee the scene. Officers believe the intervention may have prevented further harm.

The suspect is described as South Asian in appearance, of slim build, with black hair and a black beard. He is approximately 5ft 4ins tall and was wearing a white t-shirt at the time of the incident.

Police have launched a full investigation and are conducting enquiries in the area, including reviewing CCTV footage and appealing for dashcam or doorbell recordings from nearby residents. Officers are urging anyone who may have witnessed the incident or seen the suspect in the vicinity to come forward.

“This was a disturbing incident in the middle of the day, and we are doing everything we can to identify and arrest the suspect,” a Hampshire Police spokesperson said. “If you were in the area or have information, please contact us immediately.”

The assault has sparked concern among residents, with many expressing shock that such an attack could occur in a busy area during daylight hours. Bitterne Library and the surrounding streets are frequented by families, students, and commuters, making the location of the assault particularly alarming.

The investigation remains ongoing, and authorities are urging the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour in the area.