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We are aware of growing public concern following the recent criminal disorder seen across the country.

Protecting the public is our priority and Sussex Police is mobilised and fully prepared to respond swiftly and effectively to any incidents.

This includes an ongoing, visual presence within our communities for reassurance, alongside robust, well-rehearsed plans to allow us to respond to local incidents.

There are unverified reports circulating online about potential activity across Sussex.

We are constantly reviewing information and working with partners to identify any emerging concerns, and will keep local communities updated with known facts.

The public are urged to challenge what they see online, report where appropriate and consider the source of the information.

Follow updates in local news or Sussex Police social media channels for the very latest updates.

**Assistant Chief Constable Paul Court said:** "We recognise that recent events across the country have left our communities feeling unsafe, particularly people of colour and our Muslim communities.

“Please be reassured that racist, criminal behaviour will not be tolerated and we are working hard to keep you safe and ensure anyone involved in criminal disorder is held to account.

“To those thinking about taking part in disorder, be in no doubt that we will make you regret your actions. We will use all powers at our disposal to make sure you are held to account for your actions.

“Our neighbourhood officers are out and about, actively engaging with our local communities - please do speak to them directly if you have any concerns.

“We are asking residents to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity or concerns to us immediately [online](#), via 101 or by calling 999 in an emergency, quoting Operation Skylark.”



### **Contact us**

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk), (If you report a crime online, we will assess it in the same way as a 101 call).

Call 101 when you don't require an urgent response.

In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can contact us using [TypeTalk](#) on 18000 or by sending a text to 65999.