

# Assault and robbery

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses after a 42-year-old woman was assaulted and robbed in Edinburgh yesterday.

The incident happened around 6.20am yesterday in the Leith area of the city.

The woman had walked from the Lloyds TSB cash machine at the foot of Leith Walk, past Leith Primary School and across Duncan Place when a man approached and knocked her to the ground.

The man then kicked the victim several times before making off towards Leith Links Gardens with her handbag.

Police were alerted a short time later and are now carrying out enquiries to identify the man responsible.

The suspect is described only as being white, 6ft tall and with a slim to medium build.

A police spokesman said: "This has been an opportunistic attack by the suspect who saw a woman on her own and decided to take advantage.

"Fortunately, the victim did not require medical attention and received only minor injuries, but she was left extremely upset by what happened.

"Anyone who was in or around Duncan Place or the Leith Links area and has information that can assist with our investigation is asked to contact police immediately."