

Police appeal for witnesses following incident on Montgomery Street

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses after a woman tried to grab a buggy containing a child on Montgomery Street, in Edinburgh, on Tuesday afternoon (August 23).

The 30-year-old mother had stopped the buggy with her five-month-old baby girl inside near the junction with Windsor Street around 4.30pm when another woman took hold of the buggy handles and tried to push it away.

The brakes of the buggy were on, meaning the woman was not able to move it, and the child's mother grabbed it back quickly. The woman was then seen running north in Montgomery Street towards Easter Road where she met another woman.

The suspect is described as being between 18-20-years-old, of slight build with a pale complexion and yellowing teeth. She had bright piercing blue eyes, shoulder-length black/dark hair, spoke with a local accent and wore no make up. She was wearing a white hooded top with navy or royal blue leggings.

A police spokesman said: "Fortunately the child was not injured in this incident, although it has left her mother understandably shaken.

"They had stopped on Montgomery Street to say goodbye to some relatives, and as such we have a good description available of the woman who grabbed the buggy.

"We are very concerned about her behaviour, and there is a suggestion from witnesses that the women may have mental health problems, therefore we are keen to try and identify her.

“We are appealing to anyone who may have been in the area at the time, who saw what happened, to contact us on 0131 311 3131.”

Anyone with information should contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or the charity Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.