

# Witness appeal after indecent assault in Cockburn Street shop



Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following an indecent assault at a business premises last week.

The incident happened around 11.30am on Thursday 18th July at the Lava store on Cockburn Street.

A 22-year-old woman was working inside alone when a man entered. After spending a few minutes within the shop, he approached the woman from behind and touched her inappropriately before she challenged him and he made off down Cockburn Street and into Craig's Close.

The victim reported the matter to police yesterday (Monday) and officers are now urging anyone who can assist with their enquiries to come forward,

The suspect is described as having a tanned complexion, 40-50-years-old, 6ft tall with an average build but with a beer belly and dark shaved hair. He was wearing a white shirt, dark trousers, smart black shoes and spoke with a Scottish accent.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: "The woman was not injured as a result of this incident, but was understandably shaken.

"We are keen to hear from anyone who was in or around Cockburn Street on Thursday morning and remembers seeing anything suspicious.

"Similarly, anyone who recognises the description of the suspect, or who has any other information relevant to this investigation is also asked to contact police immediately."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.