

# Sexual assault in Meadows




Edinburgh Police have put out an appeal for any witnesses to an incident which took place in The Meadows on Saturday morning between 6.50 and 7.10am.

This was the time that a young woman was subjected to a serious sexual assault on Middle Meadow Walk.

A 19-year-old woman had been out with friends in the Cowgate and Niddry Street area and was returning home when she made her way through the Meadows.

As she reached Jawbone Walk, a male approached the victim from behind and knocked her to the ground before attacking her.

The male then made off from the area before a member of the public came to the woman's aid.

 Officers are now conducting various local enquiries to trace the suspect and anyone who can assist in identifying him is asked to come forward.

He is described only as being white and wearing dark clothing and a dark coloured hat.

Detective Chief Inspector Alwyn Bell said: "This has been a horrific attack on a young woman and she is understandably extremely distressed at this time.

"Specially trained officers are currently working alongside our relevant partner agencies to offer the victim all the necessary support and assistance she requires.

"This incident took place in an area that is often busy with joggers, dog walkers and other members of the public, regardless of the time of night and I would urge anyone who

was in the Meadows on Saturday morning and remembers seeing anything suspicious to contact police immediately.

“We will have high-visibility police patrols deployed within the Meadows for the time being to offer reassurance to the public and to engage with anyone who may have information relevant to this enquiry.

“If you believe you can be of assistance to our investigation please approach one of these officers or call us on 101. Alternatively, you can make an anonymous report via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. “