

# Teenager left shaken after Stenhouse attack



Police are appealing for witnesses after a 15-year-old boy was assaulted around 8.40pm last night in Stenhouse Street West.

The teenager was walking on a pathway to the rear of a block of flats, when he was approached by a group of unknown males.

One man approached the boy, threatening him and then assaulting him with a knife.

Inquiries are ongoing to trace those responsible and officers are asking anyone with information to come forward.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Grainger from Edinburgh's Criminal Investigation Department said: "This was an unprovoked attack on a boy who was minding his own business as he walked home.

"Fortunately the victim did not require medical treatment but has understandably been left very shaken.

"There were reported to have been around 10 male youths in the Stenhouse Street West area at the time, one of whom then approached the boy and carried out this cowardly attack.

"I would ask anyone who with information that can assist with our inquiries to contact officers immediately."

Inspector Scott Richardson from Wester Hailes Police Station said: "Officers will be undertaking extra high-visibility patrols in the Stenhouse and Saughton areas to speak with residents, gather information, and offer local reassurance to the community.

"We would urge anyone who was in the vicinity of this attack, and saw anything suspicious, or who knows who is responsible, to come forward and get in touch with us immediately."

Contact Police Scotland on 101 quoting reference 3640 of Thursday 15th February, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.