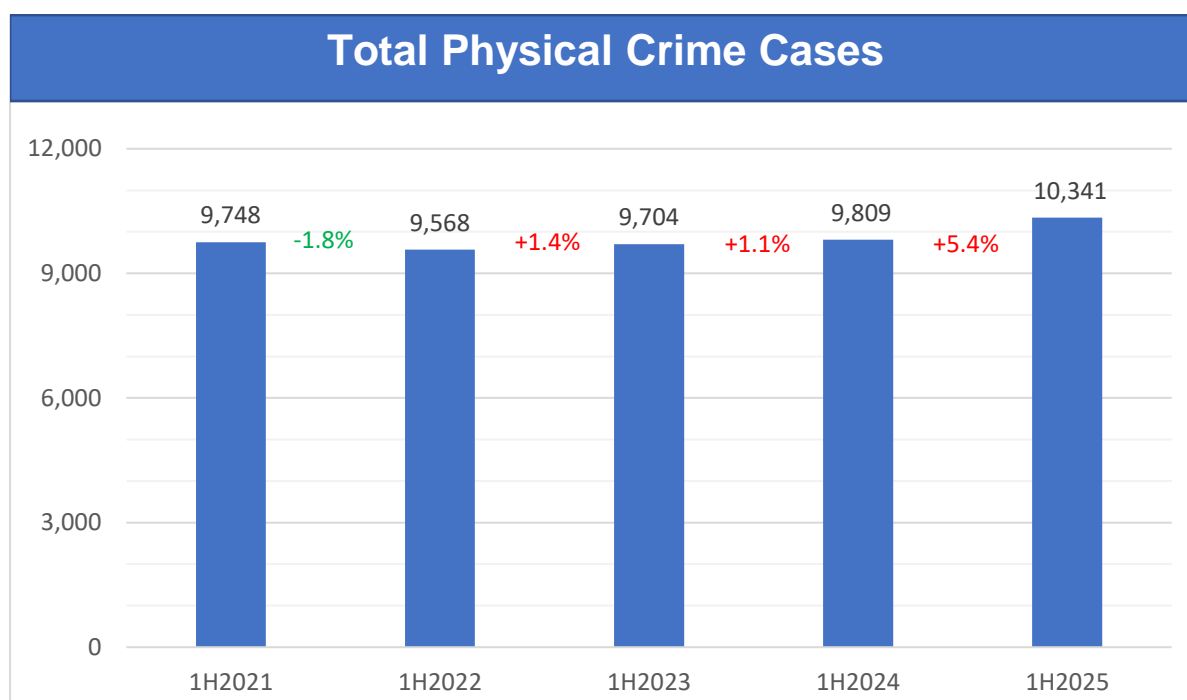


Mid-Year Crime Brief 2025

Physical Crime Situation for January to June 2025

Physical crime cases increased in the first half of 2025

The number of reported physical crime cases increased by 5.4% to 10,341 in the first half of 2025, from 9,809 in the same period in 2024.



2 The top crimes of concern were:

- a) **shop theft;**
- b) **outrage of modesty;**
- c) **voyeurism; and**
- d) **theft in dwelling**

Shop Theft

3 Shop theft cases **increased** by 4.2% (84 cases) to 2,097 cases in the first half of 2025, from 2,013 cases in the same period in 2024, and accounted for 20.3% of the total number of physical crime cases. **Shop theft remains one of the top offences committed by youths.**

4 More than half of the shop theft cases involved losses below \$50. Items typically stolen include food and beverages, alcoholic drinks and personal care products. The retail outlet with the highest number of reported shop theft cases recorded 36 cases in the first half of 2025.

5 The retail outlets (ranked from highest to lowest) with the highest number of reported shop theft cases in the first half of 2025 were:

- i) Cold Storage @ Ngee Ann City
- ii) Cold Storage @ Tanglin Mall
- iii) NTUC Fairprice @ Ang Mo Kio Hub
- iv) Cold Storage @ Nex Mall
- v) NTUC Fairprice @ Jurong Point, Sheng Siong @ Bishan Street 13
- vi) Watsons @ Toa Payoh Central, Sheng Siong @ Sky Residence @ Dawson
- vii) Sheng Siong @ Marsiling Mall
- viii) Cold Storage @ Great World City, Cold Storage @ Plaza Singapura
- ix) Giant @ Giant Hypermart, Sheng Siong @ Chin Swee Road, Sheng Siong @ Tanglin Halt Road
- x) Sheng Siong @ Woodlands Street 31, Mustafa Centre, Cold Storage @ Raffles City

6 Compared to other major retailers, Cold Storage and Sheng Siong reported a higher average number of shop theft cases per outlet, and the highest increase in shop theft cases compared to the same period last year. Sheng Siong has enhanced its CCTV camera capabilities with features such as facial recognition technology, allowing

it to better identify offenders. The SPF has traced many of the offenders for investigation using the CCTV footage and taken them to task.

7 The majority of the shop theft cases involving youths occurred at supermarkets, convenience stores, minimarts, personal care shops, and health and wellness shops.

8 SPF works closely with MOE on youth crime prevention. SPF conducts crime prevention talks in schools, and engages school leaders through different platforms. Schools have been encouraged to install Police Message Boards, a dedicated space for crime prevention advisories, to enhance the outreach to youths. The SPF also disseminates school advisories twice yearly before semester breaks, with shop theft being one of the offences highlighted.

9 SPF engages other segments of the community through the “Coffee with a Cop” initiative, house visits, community events and roadshows, Industry Safety and Security Watch Group (iSSWG) and SSWG engagements, and crime prevention talks jointly organised with the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC). The NCPC also taps on its Crime Prevention Ambassadors to regularly engage the public in vernacular languages. These efforts incorporate crime prevention advice to deter shop theft.

10 Retailers, however, play the most vital role in deterring and preventing shop theft. The SPF’s Shop Theft Awareness for Retailers (STAR) Programme has grown significantly, with major retailers including NTUC FairPrice, Sheng Siong, Watsons, Sephora, Popular, and Mustafa Centre onboarding their outlets islandwide. As of 30 June 2025, more than 1,000 retail outlets are part of the STAR Programme.

11 Under the Programme, SPF works with the retailer to analyse its store’s risk factors and develop effective shop theft prevention measures. This includes addressing emerging challenges which retailers face when they adopt technology for operational efficiency, such as self-checkout systems. For example, retailers can install advanced security features in the self-checkout systems, such as CCTVs with facial recognition technology. **The SPF would like to encourage all retailers to come on board the STAR programme so that they can better safeguard their business against shop theft.**

Outrage of Modesty

12 The number of outrage of modesty (OM) cases **increased** by 21.2% (141 cases) to 807 cases in the first half of 2025, from 666 cases in the same period in 2024, and accounted for 7.8% of the total number of physical crime cases. **More than half of the cases involved offenders known to the victims.**

13 There was an increase in the number of OM cases which took place in the **public transport network** and along **pavements/footpaths**. The top three locations where OM cases occurred were:

- a) Residential premises – 189 cases reported in the first half of 2025, compared to 163 in the same period in 2024.
- b) Public transport network – 90 cases reported in the first half of 2025, compared to 64 in the same period in 2024.
- c) Shopping complexes – 57 cases reported in the first half of 2025, compared to 73 in the same period in 2024.

14 The SPF will continue to work with public transport operators and partners, including SBS Transit, SMRT Corporation, Land Transport Authority and NCPC, to disseminate crime advisories within the public transport network. These include crime prevention announcements during peak hours at MRT stations, advisory decals on platform screen doors, floors and escalators, enhancing police presence through joint patrols with public transport operators, and crime prevention advisories on Police standees and Police Messaging Boards. Crime advisories have also been displayed at bus stops through the Passenger Information Display System. The SPF is working with stakeholders to provide crime advisories against OM on bus hangers in the second half of 2025, to enhance bus commuters' awareness.

15 The number of OM cases reported at public entertainment outlets has remained stable. 54 cases were reported in the first half of 2025, compared to 51 cases reported in the same period in 2024. The Safe Clubbing Campaign 2025 was launched on 26 May 2025 with key partners from NCPC, Singapore Nightlife Business Association,

Singapore River One and the Singapore Alliance for Responsible Drinking. Two key initiatives include: (i) Safe Clubbing Advisory Videos, featuring well-known personalities, to disseminate crime prevention advice in public entertainment outlets; and (ii) the Safe Clubbing Drink Coasters featuring advisories on personal safety and responsible drinking. More than 19,000 coasters have been distributed to public entertainment outlets.

16 The SPF will also continue to raise awareness of OM through other community and stakeholder engagements, such as through the Riders-on-Watch scheme, school talks for students and collaboration with healthcare institutions. These efforts aim to equip the public with knowledge on common OM modus operandi, and tips to protect themselves. **Vigilance is crucial, and the SPF urges the community to watch out for each other and report suspicious activities.**

Voyeurism

17 Although the number of voyeurism cases **decreased** by 2.3% (6 cases) to 252 cases in the first half of 2025 from 258 in the same period in 2024, it remains a crime of concern and accounted for 2.4% of the total number of physical crime cases.

18 The top three locations where voyeurism cases occurred were:

- a) Residential premises – 81 cases reported in the first half of 2025, compared to 78 in the same period in 2024.
- b) Shopping complexes – 42 cases reported in the first half of 2025, compared to 44 in the same period in 2024.
- c) Public transport network – 27 cases reported in the first half of 2025, compared to 27 in the same period in 2024.

19 The majority of the cases at residential premises were committed by offenders known to the victims such as current or former partners, household members or friends, while the cases at shopping complexes and public transport network typically involved offenders who are not known to the victims.

20 The SPF has implemented public education measures to combat voyeurism in the public transport network, adapting from strategies for OM cases. They have also been collaborating with stakeholders such as the Restroom Association of Singapore (RAS) to introduce security design guidelines for public toilets (including the placement of CCTV cameras at toilet entrances, full-height toilet partitions and enhanced lighting). A new “Safe Toilet” category will be launched at RAS’s “Let’s Observe Ourselves” Awards in November 2025, under its established Happy Toilet Programme.

21 The SPF would like to encourage members of the public to adopt the following crime prevention measures against voyeurism:

- a) Stay alert when using spaces like toilets and changing rooms;
- b) Check your surroundings for anything unusual, such as hidden cameras or suspicious devices;
- c) Be watchful for strange holes in walls, unusual wiring, or objects that seem out of place; and
- d) Be mindful of anyone holding phones or bags in unusual ways, particularly near cubicle gaps.

22 Members of the public who notice any suspicious behaviour should immediately inform the premises’ security personnel or staff. While ensuring your own safety, try to remember key details such as the person’s appearance and any devices involved. Do not hesitate to call the Police if you discover recording devices or witness voyeuristic behaviour. Avoid confronting suspects on your own.

Theft in Dwelling

23 The number of theft in dwelling cases **increased** by 5.9% (44 cases) to 788 cases in the first half of 2025, from 744 cases during the same period in 2024, and accounted for 7.6% of the total number of physical crime cases. The increase is observed across most types of premises, but more noticeably at commercial premises and dormitories.

24 The majority of the cases at commercial premises were committed by offenders not known to the victims. In cases where the offenders were known to the victims, it was typically someone with whom they had a working relationship, such as ex-employees/colleagues, or service providers. Most cases reported at dormitories were committed by fellow dormitory residents who shared rooms with the victim.

25 Theft in dwelling cases typically occurred in unsecured or unattended properties, which create opportunities for the theft to take place. Members of the public are advised not to leave their valuables unattended, especially in places accessible to others or in shared spaces.

Housebreaking

26 The SPF would also like to highlight **housebreaking**, which has seen a significant drop in cases in the first half of 2025, as a result of the various crime prevention efforts by the SPF and community vigilance.

27 The number of housebreaking cases **decreased** significantly by 20.0% (13 cases) to 52 cases in the first half of 2025 from 65 cases during the same period in 2024, and accounted for 0.5% of the total number of physical crime cases. Nearly half of the housebreaking cases took place in residential premises, with the majority taking place in HDB flats. Given the recent housebreaking cases committed by foreign syndicates in landed residential estates, the SPF urges heightened vigilance in such homes as well.

28 The SPF has enhanced the following measures to combat housebreaking:

- a) Patrols at the affected areas;
- b) Engagement of residents; and
- c) Strategic deployment of mobile CCTVs and unmanned aerial vehicles retrofitted with blinkers to project presence and complement ground operations and patrols.

29 The SPF would like to advise members of the public to adopt the following preventive measures:

- a) Secure all doors, windows and other openings with good quality grilles, and closed-shackle padlocks when leaving your premises, even for a short while;
- b) Refrain from keeping large sums of cash and valuables in your premises;
- c) Install a burglar alarm, motion sensor light and/or CCTVs, to cover the access points into your premises. Ensure that they are tested periodically and in good working condition;
- d) Implement strict key protocols – maintain a proper record of key holders and change access codes regularly. Secure valuable items in a sturdy safe that is bolted to the ground; and
- e) Maintain good relationships with the neighbours, and encourage mutual lookout.

Everyone Has a Role to Play in Fighting Crime

30 Everyone has a role to play in the safety and security of Singapore. This includes business operators, such as public transport operators, retail outlet owners and public entertainment outlet operators. They have a responsibility to prevent, deter and detect crimes against their customers. Implementing precautionary measures against crimes will also ensure the safety of their own staff and prevent financial losses. For more information on the various anti-crime initiatives, you can approach your nearest Neighbourhood Police Centre.

31 Members of the public are encouraged to sign up as a Riders-On-Watch (ROW) member under the Community Watch Scheme and download the Police@SG mobile app to receive the latest crime information, alerts and advisories. The ROW scheme enables members of the public to contribute to public transport safety during their daily commute. ROW members serve as additional eyes and ears across the transport network, helping to spot and report suspicious activities or security concerns. There are 13,007 ROW members as of June 2025.

32 In June 2024, the SPF launched the Police Pal storybook series, which expanded the Police Pal programme to include the engagement of preschoolers, in addition to primary school students. As of August 2025, over 1,600 pre-schools have received the Police Pal storybooks and our Community Policing Unit officers have conducted 17 storytelling sessions at libraries.

33 The SPF would like to thank all our community partners and stakeholders for their strong support in helping to keep Singapore safe and secure. In the first half of 2025, we presented 16 Public Spiritedness Awards, eight Community Partnership Awards and 40 Outstanding Community Partnership Awards.

34 Please see **Annex** for comments from the Director of SPF's Operations Department.

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Annex

Quote by the Director of SPF's Operations Department

"The crime situation in Singapore remains stable.

Public awareness and community involvement is at the heart of our crime prevention strategy. Every one of us can play a part to keep our neighbourhoods safe - by staying alert and looking out for suspicious activities.

We have also strengthened our technological capabilities, which have helped us to detect and respond to crime more effectively.

With continued support from our stakeholders and active participation by the public, we are confident that we will be able to keep physical crime rates low, and ensure that Singapore continues to be one of the world's safest places to live in."

- SAC Leon Chan

Director of Operations Department