ASEL Intelligence Report

North Wales
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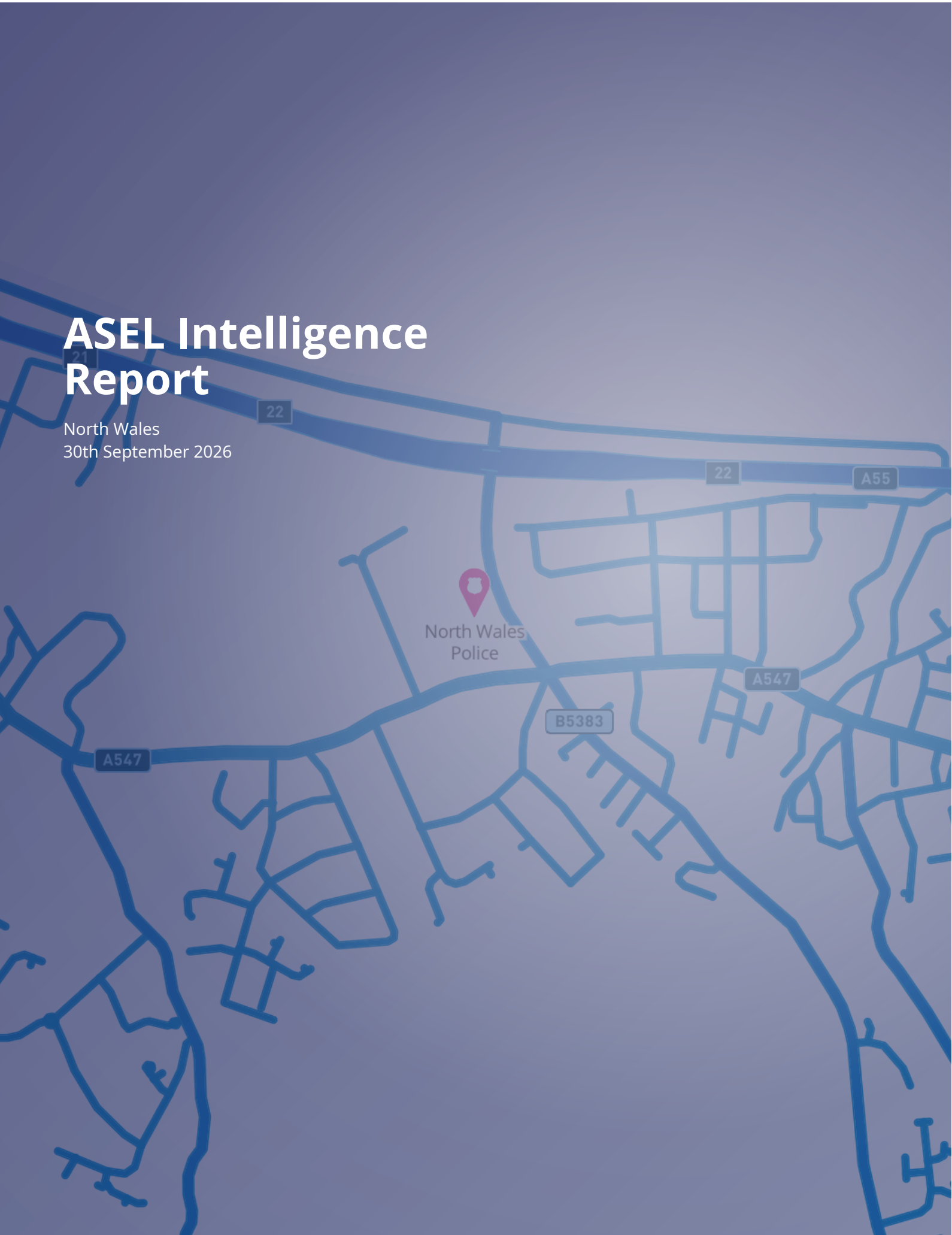
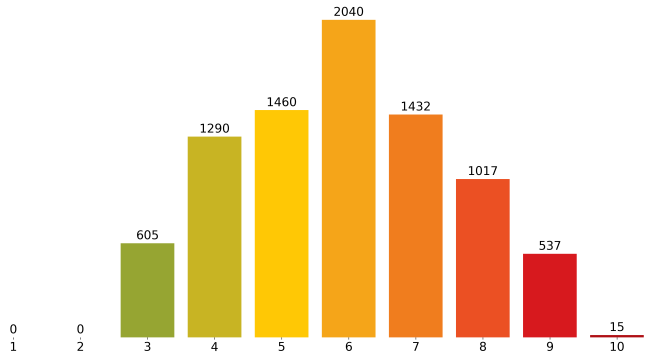


England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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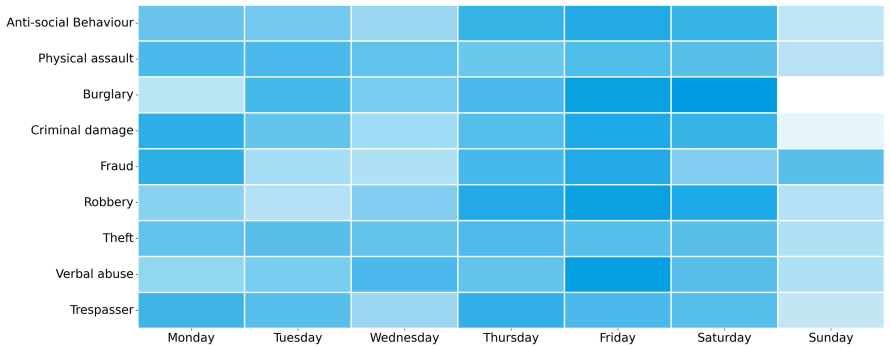

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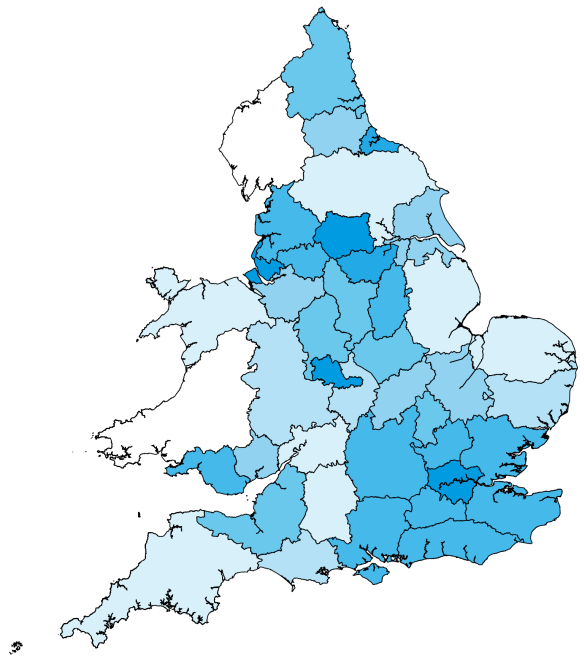

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity
14	Sussex	Castle
15	Thames Valley	Abbey
16	Greater Manchester	St Mary's
17	Surrey	Castle
18	Staffordshire	Castle
19	Northumbria	Castle
20	Avon and Somerset	Central
21	Leicestershire	Abbey
22	Bedfordshire	Central
23	Derbyshire	Abbey
24	London, City of	Bridge
25	Cheshire	Highfield
26	Humberside	Park
27	Gwent	Park
28	Cambridgeshire	Central
29	Durham	Northgate
30	Northamptonshire	Castle
31	West Mercia	Abbey
32	Dorset	Bournemouth Central
33	Warwickshire	St Mary's
34	Suffolk	St Peter's
35	Norfolk	Nelson
36	North Wales	Abbey
37	Devon & Cornwall	Stoke
38	Lincolnshire	Castle
39	Wiltshire	Central
40	North Yorkshire	Castle
41	Gloucestershire	Abbey
42	Cumbria	Castle
43	Dyfed-Powys	Tyisha

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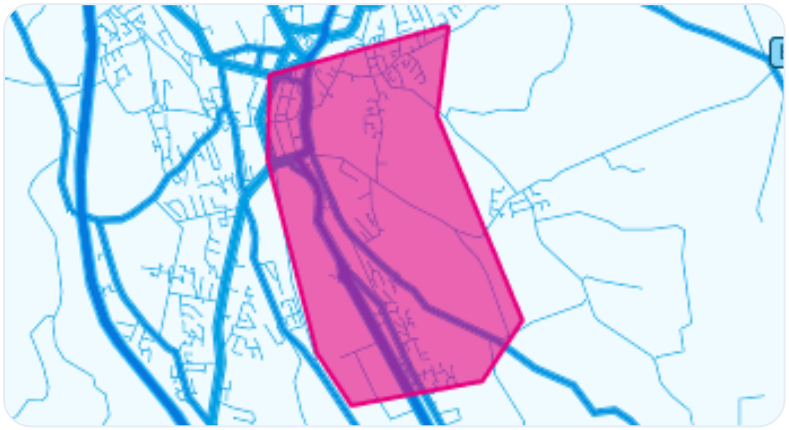
HIGHEST RISK LOCATION



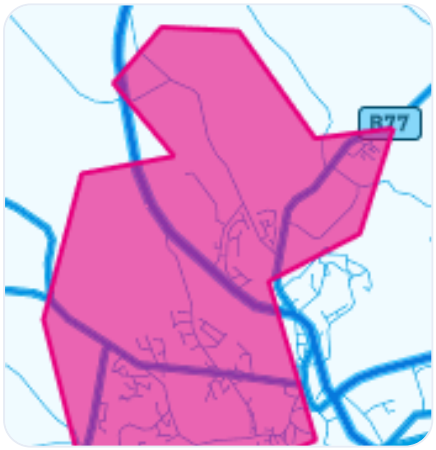
Abbey | 7 | Moderate

Abbey in North Wales ranks 1st regionally for risk. It exhibits an 'extremely likely' risk (score 10) across violence, sexual offences, shoplifting, drug possession, public order, and burglary. High density of schools and retail centres compound risks. Nighttime economy and fast food outlets also score extremely high, increasing risk factors. These elements necessitate comprehensive and targeted policing strategies.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Cathedral

6 | Partial



Cathedral ranks 2nd in North Wales with 'partial' to 'extreme' risks. Violence and sexual offences, criminal damage, and antisocial behaviour score very high, with particular attention needed for shoplifting and drug offences (ratings 9-10). Nighttime economy and retail locations contribute to vulnerability. Risk factors require careful resource allocation to manage public safety effectively.

Shankill

6 | Partial

Shankill holds 3rd rank in North Wales. Risks include high likelihood of anti-social behaviour, shoplifting, drug offences, and possession of weapons (scores 9-10). Despite being moderate in size, it has notable nighttime economy and retail presence. Risk factors reflect a need for proactive policing to mitigate violence, public order, and property-related issues.

Rhyl West

6 | Partial

Rhyl West ranks 4th in North Wales, showing 'high' to 'extreme' risks for violence, sexual offences, public order, and drug use (scores 9-10). Retail parks and nighttime economy score high risk, though school presence is low. Homelessness and wellbeing factors suggest vulnerability. Policing should prioritise managing threats related to weapons, theft, and anti-social behaviour to enhance community safety.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	5	
Trespassing - Squatting	5	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	4	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	4	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	4	
Public Order - Drug Usage	4	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	4	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	4	
Trespassing - Encampment	4	
Trespassing - In Hours	3	

North Wales Faces Persistent Risks from Public Order and Trespassing, with Emerging Concerns over Verbal Abuse and Encampments

Observations

The risk landscape in North Wales is characterised by a high likelihood of public order and trespassing-related risks, as indicated by the top 10 risk scores. These scores are derived from a combination of demographic and environmental factors, providing an objective measure of the likelihood of each risk occurring. At the top of the list, 'Public Order - Rough Sleepers' and 'Trespassing - Squatting' both hold the highest risk score of 5.0, indicating a sustained high likelihood of these issues impacting the region. These risks are closely followed by several others with scores of 4.0, including 'Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)', 'Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour', and various types of fraud, reflecting a broad spectrum of challenges faced by the area.~~The ranking of risks reveals a concentration on public order and trespassing concerns, with 'Public Order - Drug Usage' and 'Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse' also featuring prominently. Notably, the risk of verbal abuse has increased since last month, moving from a score of 3.0 to 4.0, alongside a similar rise in the risk associated with 'Trespassing - Encampment'. This suggests emerging or intensifying issues in these areas, potentially linked to social and economic pressures within North Wales. The steady scores for other risks imply a relatively stable risk environment, though the persistent high ratings for rough sleeping and squatting highlight ongoing vulnerabilities.~~Considering North Wales' geographic and socio-economic context, the prominence of rough sleeping and squatting risks may be influenced by housing availability and rural-urban dynamics. The stable but significant risk of fuel theft and fraud points to economic factors affecting local communities. The increase in verbal abuse and encampment trespassing risks could reflect tensions arising from these pressures, with potential implications for community safety and cohesion. Overall, while no immediate threat to life is indicated by these scores, the sustained and rising risks in public order and trespassing domains warrant continued observation to understand their impact on local security and wellbeing.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	1126	1546	
Criminal damage and arson	474	551	
Vehicle crime	74	82	
Violence and sexual offences	2051	2631	
Other theft	369	348	
Public order	383	494	
Bicycle theft	37	25	
Burglary	140	147	
Drugs	117	146	
Shoplifting	451	473	
Other crime	100	105	
Robbery	10	14	
Theft from the person	9	5	
Possession of weapons	48	55	

In North Wales, the most significant increases are seen in 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Anti-social behaviour', both showing substantial rises that raise safety concerns. 'Violence and sexual offences' have surged notably, indicating a worrying trend for personal safety. 'Anti-social behaviour' also escalated sharply, potentially impacting community wellbeing. 'Public order' offences have increased moderately, while 'Criminal damage and arson' and 'Drugs' offences show notable rises, suggesting growing challenges in these areas. Conversely, 'Other theft', 'Bicycle theft', and 'Theft from the person' have decreased, indicating some stability or improvement in these theft-related crimes. 'Shoplifting' and 'Robbery' have seen slight increases but remain relatively stable compared to more volatile categories. Overall, the upward trends in violent and disorder-related crimes are concerning from a retail security perspective, highlighting increased risks to staff and customers.

ASEL Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Physical Assault	0	0	
Verbal Abuse	0	0	
Robbery	0	0	
Burglary	0	0	
Theft	0	0	
Antisocial Behaviour	0	0	
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	
Criminal Damage	0	0	
Trespass	0	0	
Fraud	0	0	

Across all incident categories, ASEL has recorded zero incidents within this Force area. This lack of reported activity suggests that ASEL does not have a sufficient operational presence or in the region to support reliable trend analysis or meaningful comparisons with other data sources. Accordingly, ASEL has been excluded from the overall risk likelihood scoring for this area, and its weighting has been redistributed across other available indicators, including crime statistics, demographic profiles, and environmental risk factors.

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Appendix A: Full Risk Catalogue

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Violence & Abuse - Physical Assault	3	3	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	3	4	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	3	3	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	3	3	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	2	2	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	3	3	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	3	3	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	3	3	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	3	3	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	3	3	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	3	3	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	3	3	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	3	3	
Theft - From Service Desk	3	3	
Theft - Concealment	3	3	
Theft - Self Service Theft	3	3	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	4	4	
Theft - By Employee	3	3	
Asset Crime - Arson	3	3	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	3	3	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	3	3	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	3	3	
Public Order - Riot	3	3	
Public Order - Protest	3	3	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	4	4	
Public Order - Drug Usage	4	4	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	5	5	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	3	3	
Trespassing - Encampment	3	4	
Trespassing - In Hours	3	3	
Trespassing - Squatting	5	5	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	4	4	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	4	4	

Credits

- Crime data sourced from Police.uk
- Demographic information obtained from the UK Census
- Prints use map data from Mapbox and OpenStreetMap and their data sources
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