



England squad's boots, equipment, and balls stolen before start of 2026 World Cup

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The England national team suffered an unexpected setback before the start of their 2026 [World Cup](#) campaign after a portion of their training equipment was stolen following the squad's arrival in Kansas City, USA.

According to a report by [The Guardian](#) special boots belonging to several players, along with official balls and other training equipment, were lost during the transport of the team's gear to their designated headquarters in the city.

Kansas City police have launched an investigation into the incident, while the authorities supervising England's national team have initiated urgent measures to provide replacements for the missing equipment and ensure the team's preparatory schedule is not affected before the start of the tournament.

Kansas City police opened an investigation into the incident, and the newspaper reported that authorities detained two individuals suspected of involvement in the event, with investigations continuing to determine the full circumstances of the case and the extent of the losses.

The incident occurs at a time when the area surrounding the team's training camp is experiencing heightened security attention, following a shooting incident near the team's residence a few days prior. Authorities confirmed at the time that the shooting did not target the England delegation and did not result in injuries among its members, [as reported by Reuters](#)

Although there are no indications linking the two incidents, the repetition of security events during the first few days of the team's stay in Kansas City highlights the challenges faced by participating teams off the field, coinciding with the kick-off of the 2026 World Cup.

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