



**COUNTER  
TERRORISM  
POLICING**

# UK Protect

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Protective Security Information for Communities

## National Bulletin

INTERNATIONAL IN THE  
UNITED KINGDOM

**SEVERE**

AN ATTACK IS  
HIGHLY LIKELY

NORTHERN IRISH-RELATED  
IN GREAT BRITAIN

**MODERATE**

AN ATTACK IS POSSIBLE,  
BUT NOT LIKELY

NORTHERN IRISH-RELATED  
IN NORTHERN IRELAND

**SEVERE**

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HIGHLY LIKELY

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.mi5.gov.uk](http://www.mi5.gov.uk)

### Advice Regarding Crowded Places — Events, Concerts, and Conferences

At this time of year, especially over the Easter weekend, we are aware that there is an increase in events, concerts and conferences. These can take many forms, from outdoor festivals, arena concerts, to large exhibitions and conferences.

We would recommend that anyone involved in organising such event, that is likely to attract large numbers of people, considers protective security and preparedness within their event planning. For many this is already part of their event plan and we would therefore suggest that reviewing your processes and procedures against both [National Counter Security Office](#) (NaCTSO) and [Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure](#) (CPNI) advice and guidance.

This guidance is primarily aimed at those in the security sector and those who own or run businesses, organisations, amenities or utilities. Some of the terminology may be unfamiliar to some readers. However, we hope the advice can also be of use to anyone who wishes to improve their own security.

To deliver protective security effectively a security plan is essential along with a risk assessment. It is important to identify an individual responsible for security and to identify what are the important assets, people, products, services, processes and information within your organisation. You can then begin to introduce mitigation to reduce vulnerabilities. A strong security culture must be supported and endorsed from a senior level.

Contained within this UK Protect message are links to a range of products that will assist you, your organisation and your stay safe and implement effective protective security.



Action Counters Terrorism (ACT). It is an innovative 45-minute training scheme that could help prevent terror attacks and it covers how to spot the signs of suspicious behaviour and what to do if an attack should take place. Free to use, the package can be divided into short sections to suit business needs and it takes just three quarters of an hour to complete – 45 vital minutes that could save lives.

The ACT 2018 campaign was implemented to reinforce one particular message – that communities defeat terrorism. We encourage businesses to apply for registration and make use of this free resource.

For more information, please visit the National Counter Terrorism Security Office website [here](#).

**It only takes a moment to make a report online of suspicious activity. In an emergency, or if you need urgent police assistance, you should always dial 999. You can also report suspicious activity by contacting the police in confidence on 0800 789 321.**

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### [Run Hide Tell — https://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/WeaponAttacksStaySafe.aspx](https://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/WeaponAttacksStaySafe.aspx)

Incidents in the UK and around the world remind us all of the terrorist threat we face, which in the UK is considered as 'SEVERE', meaning an attack is highly likely. Police and security agencies are working tirelessly to protect the public but it is also important that communities remain vigilant and aware of how to protect themselves if the need arises.

### [Suspicious Items—Guidance— https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/recognising-the-terrorist-threat/recognising-the-terrorist-threat](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/recognising-the-terrorist-threat/recognising-the-terrorist-threat)

- Do not touch
- Try and identify an owner in the immediate area
- If you still think it's suspicious, don't feel embarrassed or think anybody else will report it
- Report it to a member of staff, security, or if they are not available dial 999 (do not use your mobile phone in the immediate vicinity)
- Move away to a safe distance - Even for a small item such as a briefcase move at least 100m away from the item starting from the centre and moving out

	<b>H</b> <b>Hidden?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has it been concealed or hidden from view?</li><li>• Bombs are unlikely to be left in locations such as this – where any unattended item will be noticed quickly.</li></ul>
	<b>O</b> <b>Obviously suspicious?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does it have wires, circuit boards, batteries, tape or putty-like substances?</li><li>• Do you think the item poses an immediate threat to life?</li></ul>
	<b>T</b> <b>Typical?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is the item typical of what you would expect to find in this location?</li><li>• Most lost property is found in locations where people congregate.</li></ul>

### [Crowded Places Guidance from the NCPP — https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crowded-places-guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crowded-places-guidance)



The UK faces a real threat from terrorism and crowded places remain an attractive target.

Crowded places include shopping centres, sports stadia, bars, pubs, places of worship and clubs which are easily accessible to the public and attractive to terrorists.

Guidance has been written to help those charged with security at crowded places mitigate the threat and help make the UK less vulnerable to an attack.

### [CPNI Advice—Marauding Terrorist Attacks — https://www.cpni.gov.uk/marauding-terrorist-attacks-0](https://www.cpni.gov.uk/marauding-terrorist-attacks-0)

Marauding terrorist attacks are fast-moving, violent incidents where assailants move through a location aiming to find and kill or injure as many people as possible. Most deaths occur within the first few minutes of the attack, before police are able to respond.

It is more important than ever that your organisation is aware of the heightened risks and adequately prepared for any potential attack.

New and detailed guidance is now available providing details of the simple measures that can be taken to minimise the impact of an attack and help save lives. This new guidance builds on the principles of RUN, HIDE, TELL published by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office.



### [Let's Talk About it — https://www.ltai.info](https://www.ltai.info)

Let's Talk About It is an initiative designed to provide practical help and guidance in order to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting [terrorism](#).