

Critical incidents, bomb threats and national security

The following information, guidance and templates is to support education settings in the steps they can take to deter attacks and develop effective plans to keep children and staff safe in the event of an incident.

What does Martyn's Law do?

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also commonly referred to as Martyn's Law, will improve protective security and organisational preparedness across the UK by requiring that those responsible for certain premises and events consider how they would respond to a terrorist attack.

If your premises are on a school site or other venue where between 200 and 799 individuals (including staff and children) may be present at the same time you would need to contact the person responsible for standard duty premises.

What are the requirements for standard tier premises?

Some requirements in the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 apply to all qualifying premises and events. Those core requirements are the only requirements that apply to standard duty premises, which are also referred to as the "standard tier".

The standard tier is for premises where it is reasonable to expect that between 200 and 799 individuals (including staff) may be present at the same time.

When the requirements come into force, the person responsible for standard duty premises will have to:

- notify the Security Industry Authority (SIA) of their premises; and
- have in place, so far as reasonably practicable, appropriate public protection procedures.

The Government intends for there to be an implementation period of at least 24 months, from 3 April 2025, before the Act comes into force. This will allow the SIA's new function to be established, whilst ensuring those responsible for premises and events in scope have sufficient time to understand their new obligations.

The following link has more information and a fact sheet [Martyn's Law Factsheet – Home Office in the media](#)

[Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings - GOV.UK](#)

Guidance for how educational and childcare settings should plan for and deal with emergencies, including significant public health incidents and severe weather.

[ACT for Education | ProtectUK](#)

Actions Counters Terrorism (ACT) free e-learning is bespoke training aimed at all staff working in education settings and will teach learners how to identify security vulnerabilities, suspicious activity and how to respond when there is an incident using core principles such as Run, Hide, Tell, the HOT Protocol and the Power of Hello.

Further information and guidance:

- [Critical incidents, bomb threats and national security – Suffolk Learning](#)
- [Protective security and preparedness for education settings - GOV.UK](#)
- [Self-assessment emergency incident planning checklist.docx](#)
- [Terrorist incident response template.docx](#)

Every year thousands of reports from the public help the Police to keep communities safe from terrorism. You can also report suspicious activity by contacting the Police in confidence on **0800 789 321**.