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Good security practice

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The Act is not yet in force. This means that the requirements do not need to be complied with at this time. Outside the requirements in the Act, there are plenty of things you can do to develop a good security culture. A good security culture should take account of accessibility requirements and the experience of visitors.

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act received Royal Assent in April 2025 and there is an implementation period of at least 24 months from this date before it comes into force. This means that the requirements do not need to be complied with at this time. , However, outside the requirements of the Act, there are plenty of things you can do to develop a good security culture.

A security culture is a set of values, shared by everyone in an organisation, that determines how people are expected to think about and approach security. A good security culture takes effort to build and cascades from the top down. There is a wide variety of protective security procedures and measures that could be implemented in advance of, in addition to, or alongside, the Act's requirements to ensure effective protective security. The ProtectUK and NPSA websites set out further details.

We would encourage any venues interested in good security practice to make use of the resources available on ProtectUK, which include extensive guidance, advice and training for businesses and staff. This includes the Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) e-learning and See, Check and Notify (SCaN) training. The ACT awareness e-learning course provides free, specialised training for front line security operatives. This custom-built training provides up-to-date counter-terrorism knowledge to help business owners and operators prepare for and respond to terrorist incidents whilst on duty. See, Check and Notify (SCaN) training helps businesses and organisations maximise safety and security using their existing resources. SCaN training helps staff to correctly identify suspicious activity and equips them with an understanding of what to do when they encounter it. Both of these online packages can be accessed via the links below.

ACT Awareness e-Learning | ProtectUK

See, Check and Notify (SCaN) | ProtectUK

Video Description	Link
Martyn’s Law campaigner Figen Murray, previous Security Minister Tom Tugendhat and Head of CTP Matt Jukes set out why this legislation is necessary and the importance of protective security.	Watch here
Figen Murray hopes the general public will feel reassured knowing that venues have a duty to keep their customers safe.	Watch here
Security industry professionals give their top tips for securing your business.	Watch here
The Director of Security and Resilience at Landsec, sets out good security practice in aggregated public spaces	Watch here
Theatre Directors set out the measures they put in place to protect their premises.	Watch here
Festival organisers explain the steps they take to secure temporary events.	Watch here
The group Director of Security and Safety at Edwardian Hotels London sets out how to implement good security practice at private locations which are open to the public.	Watch here
A Business Continuity Manager from a national retail chain explains the measures their stores put in place.	Watch here

What can you do if your premises or event are not within scope?

Smaller premises and events, which will not be subject to the legal requirements, may also wish to consider what they can do to improve security. Often quite simple activities can improve preparedness. There is an extensive programme of high-quality advice and guidance produced by CT Policing and other partners which can support organisations.

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