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Free training and awareness resources

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Sport England invests in grass roots sport and physical activity to make it a normal part of life for everyone in England, regardless of who you are. For many of us that includes the enjoyment of visiting our local clubs and facilities either to support those taking part or even partaking ourselves.

Whatever the purpose for visiting, we all have a responsibility together to ensure everyone remains safe and secure making them enjoyable places to visit.

Training and awareness resources

Effectively train you and your team to respond to terrorism

There are a number of free-to-use training and awareness resources available. These can be

adopted and used to help better prepare you and your people to effectively respond in the unlikely event of a terrorist incident at your club, facilities or locations nearby.

Increase your awareness with e-Learning.

Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) and See Check and Notify (SCaN) are two free awareness products that are available to equip all staff and volunteers with a level of counter terrorism understanding and help increase their security awareness and understanding of good security practices. This is entry level awareness and is suitable for all staff, volunteers and people connected to your locations.

Visit ACT e-Learning - this module highlights best practice to help counter terrorism and increase security awareness,

Visit SCaN for all - this module is designed to increase awareness of hostile reconnaissance and suspicious behaviour and how to counter it.

Develop your own incident response plan

In addition for those in a position of responsibility for the club or facilities, it will be important to establish effective incident response plans and procedures to ensure everyone knows what to do in the event of a terrorist incident, how to look after those at your location and surrounding facilities and how to help reduce the overall impact of any incident.

This website provides free advice and guidance on how to develop these plans. Visit our guidance on

evacuation, invacuation, lockdown and protected spaces to learn how to keep people safe when an incident is taking place and how you are going to communicate it.

Carry out a risk assessment

In addition some clubs will also want to consider carrying out a terrorism risk assessment, to assess and reduce any vulnerabilities to an attack that may exist.

ProtectUK provides a free and complete Risk Management Process for use when carrying out the assessment and considering the reduction of any identified vulnerabilities.

Visit Risk Management Process assessment for step-by-step guidance and resources to help you carry out these assessments.

Keep your facility safe from crime

To help those in a position of responsibility within their club or facilities, additional free guidance is available to help them consider and adopt measures that will keep your facilities safer from both crime and terrorism.

Visit the crime prevention toolkit for further information.

Rehearse how you would respond to an incident

Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) in a Box is a free resource available to clubs and facilities. It enables you to rehearse and explore response to an incident as a group in a safe-to-fail environment.

These exercises allow those responsible to reflect on their own venue and premises and work through how they would respond together to specific situations, including dealing with a suspicious item or a marauding attack, bringing those response plans to life.

Access our interactive tools here.

Help share security campaigns and communications

To help foster a more inclusive security culture within your clubs there are free vigilance and communication campaigns available within toolkits on the platform for you to adapt and use. These will encourage people to stay alert and keep each other safe and raise the security awareness for all.

They are a powerful way of using communications to enhance your approach to safety and security.

Visit vigilance and communication campaigns for useful social media assets.

Share your concerns

Advice and guidance is available if you are worried someone is expressing extreme views or hatred. Act Early and tell us your concerns in confidence. You won't be wasting our time and you won't ruin lives, but you might save them.

Visit Act Early for guidance and key contacts.