Landmark anti-terror legislation gains Royal Assent

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Premises and events will be better prepared to respond to attacks as landmark legislation known as Martyn's Law gained Royal Assent and became law today (Thursday 3 April).

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 will require public premises where 200 or more individuals may be present, to be better prepared and have plans in place to keep people safe in the event of an attack.

Larger premises and events where 800 or more people will be present will be required to take further steps to reduce their vulnerability to acts of terrorism – such as having CCTV, bag search policies or vehicle checks where appropriate.

'Martyn's Law' is named in tribute to Martyn Hett who was tragically killed alongside 21 others in the Manchester Arena attack in May 2017.

It delivers on the Prime Minister's personal promise to Martyn's mother, Figen Murray, who has been the driving force in campaigning for this legislation in her son's memory, that he would bring in this law.

The Prime Minister invited Figen Murray into Downing Street today to mark this landmark moment and to express the debt of gratitude the nation has for her selfless work to turn such unimaginable pain into a lasting legacy for son Martyn.

The government is securing Britain's future through the Plan for Change and this Act delivers a manifesto commitment to strengthen the security of public events and venues.

Read the Martyn's Law Factsheet – Home Office in the media or find out more on ProtectUK at Martyn's Law | ProtectUK.

> ***Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, said:*** *"Today is a landmark moment for our security as my government delivers on its promise to introduce Martyn's Law and better protect the public*

from terrorism.

“Figen’s courage and determination in the face of such unimaginable loss is truly humbling and it is thanks to her campaigning that Martyn’s Law means her son’s legacy will live on forever.

“Security is the foundation of our Plan for Change and the first duty of any government. Martyn’s Law will ensure everyone can enjoy public events more safely and ensure venues across the country have clear, practical measures in place to protect people.”

Figen Murray, mother of Martyn Hett said: *"My son Martyn Hett was murdered alongside 21 innocent victims in the Manchester Arena terror attack on 22 May 2017, and whilst nothing will bring Martyn back, I am determined to ensure nobody endures what my family has experienced.*

"For the last six years I have campaigned to introduce measures that will improve security at public venues and how they respond to a terror attack - Martyn's Law.

"I am grateful to the Prime Minister, the Security Minister and Lord Hanson for how quickly they've progressed Martyn's Law through parliament. But this would not have happened without the tireless support of my co-campaigners Nick Aldworth, Brendan , Nathan Emmerich, my husband Stuart, and my children.

"Over the implementation period it is vital that the government and Security Industry Authority provide all that is necessary for publicly accessible locations to implement Martyn's Law."

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