

Resources

This page provides supporting materials to help you prepare for the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 also known as Martyn's Law. These resources are designed to support you during the implementation period.

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	Explains the Act's scope, requirements, the responsible person, and regulator.	



Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025: Martyn's Law

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also known as Martyn's Law, will require certain public premises and events to be prepared and ready to keep the public safe in a terrorist attack. The Act applies to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and establishes a minimum legal security standard of protective security at larger premises and events for the first time.

Scope

For premises and events to be in scope, they must meet specific conditions and be used for activities listed in the Act. They are separated into two categories.

- The **standard tier** is for premises that host between **200 and 799 people** at the same time.
- The **enhanced tier** is for premises and events that host **800 or more people**. Qualifying events will always be in the enhanced tier where they host 800+ people and are accessible to the public and have measures in place to control access, like checking tickets or taking payments.

Requirements

When the Act comes into force, those responsible for qualifying premises and events must:

- 1 **notify** the regulator, the Security Industry Authority (SIA), that they are responsible for their premises
- 2 **have in place** so far as reasonably practicable, appropriate **public protection procedures** that could be reasonably expected to reduce the risk of physical harm if an attack occurs there or nearby.

These procedures relate to:

- Evacuation Invacuation Lockdown Communication

Those responsible for **enhanced tier** premises and qualifying events must comply with the above requirements and also:

- 3 **have in place**, so far as reasonably practicable, appropriate **public protection measures** that could be reasonably expected to reduce both the vulnerability of the premises or event to an act of terrorism occurring and the risk of physical harm being caused to individuals if an attack occurs there or nearby.

These measures relate to:

- Monitoring Movement control Physical Security Security of Information

- 4 document the public protection procedures and measures in place, and give this information to the SIA
- 5 where the responsible person for enhanced duty premises or a qualifying event is not an individual (e.g. company) they must designate a senior individual.



Video animation

A short overview of the scope and requirements of the new Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act, known as Martyn's Law.

[Watch or download video MP4](#)

[44.9MB](#)

Myth buster

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Addresses misconceptions about the Act, discouraging use of third party providers, and encouraging organisations to put effective protective security measures in place.

Home Office

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025: Martyn's Law myth buster

MYTH 1
 “Businesses and organisations need to comply with the Act immediately.”

When will I need to comply?

- The Act received Royal Assent on 3 April 2025, and it is expected that the implementation period will be at least 24 months. This period will enable those responsible for premises and events to have sufficient time to understand their new obligations, and to plan and prepare accordingly. This also allows time for the new regulator function of the Security Industry Authority (SIA) to be established.
- While there is no legal requirement to comply until the Act comes into force, you may wish to start considering what you need to do.
- The Home Office will publish guidance before the Act comes into force and will build on materials already available on ProtectUK to raise awareness. These include:
 - an animation giving an overview of the Act: www.protectuk.police.uk/martyns-law/martyns-law-overview-and-what-you-need-know
 - factsheets setting out key aspects of the Act: www.gov.uk/government/publications/terrorism-protection-of-premises-act-2025-factsheets
- There will also be engagement activities, such as webinars, during the implementation period to help you understand the requirements.

Does that mean I do not need to consider protective security before the Act comes into force?

- The Act will establish a minimum legal standard of protective security at larger premises and events for the first time. Many businesses and organisations already have excellent protective security measures in place. The government encourages those responsible to put in place appropriate measures for their circumstances.
- There are helpful resources on ProtectUK (www.protectuk.police.uk) including guidance, advice and free e-learning including:
 - Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) which can be found at ProtectUK
 - See, Check and Notify (SCaN) which can be found at the NPSA website.

MYTH 2
 “As I’m not in scope, protective security shouldn’t matter to me.”

I’m not in scope of the Act, but what could I be doing to improve my organisation’s security culture?

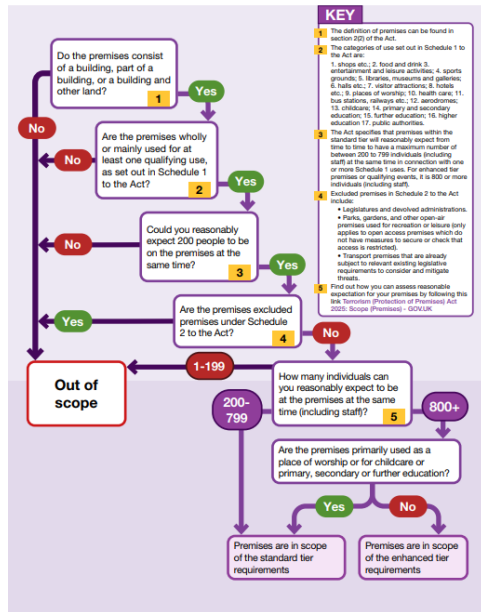
- There is no legal obligation on organisation and businesses that are out of scope. However, you should make informed decisions about how to better protect people in the venues and public spaces you are responsible for.
- If you are not in scope, you can still develop a good security culture which identifies threats, minimises risk to the public and effectively responds to incident. You can find more information on the ProtectUK website: www.protectuk.police.uk

Premises infographic

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Helps to determine whether your premises will be in scope of the Act.

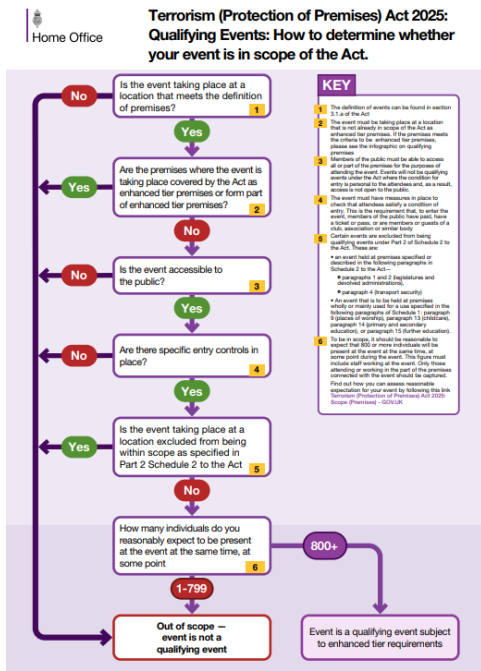
**Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025:
Qualifying Premises: How to determine whether
your premises is in scope of the Act.**



Event infographic

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Helps to determine whether your event will be in scope of the Act.



Top tips

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The Top Tips will help those responsible for premises and events to prepare to comply with the new requirements and assist in wider good practice for protective security and preparedness.



Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025: Prepare to Protect

Top Tips on getting ready for Martyn's Law.

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also known as Martyn's Law, received Royal Assent on 3 April 2025. There will be an **implementation period of at least 24 months from April 2025**, before the Act comes into force. The government will publish guidance during the implementation period to support those in scope of the Act to prepare to comply with the new legal requirements.

These top tips **are intended to help**

- those responsible for premises and events to find out whether they will be in scope,
- those that will be in scope to prepare to comply with the new requirements,
- wider good practice of protective security and preparedness.

If you are in scope of the Act, you do not have to do anything yet, but planning will help you prepare to comply with Martyn's Law.



What should you know about the Act.

- Watch a brief overview of the Act's scope and requirements on **ProtectUK**.
- Read our **One Page Leaflet, Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act**.
- Find out more about scope and requirements in the **Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act's factsheets**.
- Read about common misunderstandings in the **Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025: Martyn's Law myth buster**.
- Look out for the publication of Home Office guidance (and associated material) on the requirements of the Act and of the **Security Industry Authority (SIA)** guidance on its function as the Act's regulator. Considering the requirements and your protective security and preparedness early will help you prepare for the Act.
- For the latest updates about the Act follow ProtectUK on **LinkedIn**, the Home Office on **LinkedIn** and the SIA on **LinkedIn**.



Where to find FREE wider resources on counter terrorism and protective security ahead of the Act coming into force.

- Ahead of the Home Office publishing the guidance and the Act coming into force, you can still develop a good security culture.
- The National Counter Terrorism Security Office's (NaCTSO) **ProtectUK** website provides counter terrorism protective security and preparedness guidance and learning – this is available and relevant to all organisations. This resource supports organisations in both the public and private sectors to understand a range of threats and potential mitigations, including options for approaching **risk management**.

Factsheets

For more detailed information, please refer to the Act's factsheets on Gov.uk which can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/terrorism-protection-of-premises-act-2025-factsheets>

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