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Martyn’s Law statutory guidance published by the Home Office

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The Home Office has now published the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 section 27 statutory guidance.

The statutory guidance is available to view on GOV.UK and sets out the scope of the legislation, the requirements for qualifying premises and events, information on the responsible person’s responsibilities and reference to the regulatory approach ahead of further guidance from the SIA.

The guidance has been designed to be accessible and easy to follow, without requiring specialist expertise or prior security knowledge to understand requirements. Practical illustrative examples are included in the guidance to support further understanding. Alongside the core legal requirements that must be met once the legislation commences, the guidance includes information about good security practice that people may wish to consider.

During the development of the guidance, a focussed consultation process was undertaken with representatives across sectors in scope of the Act, alongside expert protective security partners. We would like to thank all of those who have engaged during the guidance development process.

The statutory guidance will be reviewed at appropriate intervals and updated where necessary to ensure it remains clear, relevant and effective.

Separate to the Home Office section 27 guidance release, today, the Security Industry Authority launched a consultation on their draft section 12 statutory guidance. The SIA’s draft section 12 guidance explains how the regulator plans to operate and use its powers, taking a supportive, proportionate and risk based approach. It sets out how the regulator will carry out its functions, this includes how the regulator will monitor compliance, how it will take enforcement action and how it will use its powers and exercise discretion. The SIA’s section 12 guidance complements the section 27 guidance by setting out how the regulator intends to oversee and support compliance. The consultation will be open until 12 June and can be found here - SIA launches consultation on section 12 guidance for Martyn’s Law - GOV.UK

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act received Royal Assent in April 2025, and there is now an implementation period of at least 24 months from that date before it comes into force. As a reminder, there is no legal requirement to comply with the Act until it comes into force. However, those in scope may wish to begin considering the requirements and familiarising themselves with the guidance in advance. Please be aware neither the Home Office nor the SIA endorse any third-party products offered by the private sector in respect of compliance with this legislation.

Please find the statutory guidance on GOV.UK - The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 - GOV.UK

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