



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**.

- The National Protective Security Authority (NPSA) is the **National Technical Authority** for physical and personnel security. NPSA's website provides useful information about protective security procedures such as lockdown, invacuation and evacuation. Premises in scope of the Act will need to have in place these procedures and should also refer to the Home Office guidance on the Act when it is published. This will likely help you to formulate your plans as it provides a good technical guide to lockdown, invacuation and evacuation.



What do you currently have in place for security in the event of an incident or emergency?

- Review how your existing security or emergency plans and arrangements align with the Act. The factsheets about the Act's scope (**premises** and **events**) will assist you in your relevant preparation. In addition, both the **standard tier** and **enhanced tier requirements** include having procedures in place to respond in the event of an emergency.
- You can also find guidance on first aid during a terrorist attack on **ProtectUK**. Please note that first aid is not a requirement of the legislation.



Have you thought about how you can upskill and prepare your staff?

- It's good security practice for your staff to be aware of the general terrorist risk, what steps can be taken to mitigate the risk and how you can better protect the public.
- Staff counter terrorism and protective security awareness can be developed through FREE e-learning such as **ACT Awareness e-Learning | ProtectUK**, and **See Check and Notify (SCaN) NPSA**.
- Although completing the training will not make you compliant with Martyn's Law and does not form part of the Martyn's Law compliance, it does provide staff (including employees, contractors and volunteers) with basic but valuable awareness of counter terrorism and protective security.



Have you visited ProtectUK and NPSA for helpful guidance on counter terrorism and protective security?

- Scan the QR below to access FREE ProtectUK guidance, and training on protective security and on improving your organisation's terrorism response.



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