

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025

Martyn's Law – Primary Legislation

Background: This legislation introduces requirements for those responsible for premises and events to implement proportionate security measures to protect the public from terrorism. This is an absolute requirement and failure to do so is a criminal offence.

Qualifying Event: Where 800 or more people may be present at the same time and/or members of the public have access.

Standard Duty Premises: Where 200 or more people may be present at the same time.

Enhanced Duty Premises: Where 800 or more people may be present at the same time.

Standard Public Protection Procedures: These are to be followed by individuals working on the premises or at the event if there is reason to suspect that an act of terrorism is occurring, or is about to occur, on the premises, at the event or in the immediate vicinity of the premises or event;

- (a) for evacuating individuals from the premises or event;
- (b) for moving individuals to a place on the premises or at the event where there is less risk of physical harm being caused to them;
- (c) for preventing individuals entering or leaving the premises or event;
- (d) for providing information to individuals on the premises or at the event.

Enhanced Duty Premises & Qualifying events: The person responsible must;

- (a) assess and keep under review the public protection measures that are appropriate to reduce the risk of physical harm, and
- (b) so far as is reasonably practicable, ensure that measures are in place as required by the standard public protection procedures.

Public Protection Measures for Enhanced Duty Premises and Qualifying Events: The person responsible must;

- (a) monitor the premises or event, and the immediate vicinity of the premises or event;
- (b) monitor the movement of individuals into, out of and within the premises or event;
- (c) ensure the physical safety and security of the premises or the premises at which the event is to be held;
- (d) ensure the security of information in relation to the premises or event.

Documenting Compliance for Enhanced Duty Premises and Qualifying Events: The person responsible must ensure that a document is prepared and kept up to date containing;

- (a) a statement of the public protection procedures;
- (b) an assessment of how those procedures reduce the risk of physical harm;
- (c) a statement of the measures in place or proposed to be put in place as set out in the public protection procedures;
- (d) an assessment of how those measures reduce risk of physical harm;
- (e) further information as the Secretary of State may by regulations specify.

The person must ensure that a copy of the document is provided to the [Security Industry Authority](#),

- (a) as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is prepared, and
- (b) if it is revised, before the end of the period of 30 days beginning with the day of its revision.

Offence: A person who commits an offence is liable on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both); on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine (or both).