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Dear Event Organiser,

Burnley Council wishes to thank you for holding previous successful events within the Burnley and Padiham areas. On behalf of Burnley Event Safety Advisory Group (ESAG) the chair, deputy chair, events officer of Burnley ESAG would just like to update you regarding forthcoming changes to the event application process and Martyn's Law officially called the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill.

Please take a few minutes to read the information on the following pages:

Martyn's Law - improving safety at public venues and events

About Martyn's law

Martyn's Law, officially called the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, became law on 3 April 2025. It aims to improve security and preparedness at public venues and events by helping organisers be better prepared and reduce the impact of potential terrorist attacks. The law is named after Martyn Hett, who was killed in the Manchester Arena attack in 2017. It is designed to ensure lessons are learned from that tragedy and that venues take steps to keep people safer.

What the Law means

Martyn's Law will apply to certain public places, events and venues. It requires those responsible to:

- Understand the threat of terrorism
- Take steps to reduce risk and prepare for emergencies
- Train staff and have a safety plan in place

The law is not yet in force but will be from May 2027. This gives time for event organisers and venue operators to prepare and understand their new responsibilities. From January 2026 Burnley ESAG plan to communicate with event organisers to let them know of enhanced requirements that will be phased into the event application process, with this updated as and when more information is released regarding Martyn's Law. Early notification of this process allows those event organisers who hold recurring monthly or yearly events to be aware of the changing requirements.

What event organisers should do now

If you organise public events as an event organiser or have responsibility for public venues, we encourage you to start learning about Martyn's Law now. This will help you plan and make sure your future events and publicly accessible venues meet the new safety standards.

The Security Industry Authority (SIA) has been named as the official regulator and will help oversee how the law is followed.

Watch: [New Martyn's Law explainer video \(protectuk.police.uk\)](https://protectuk.police.uk/)

ACT Awareness e-Learning

Burnley ESAG is requesting from late January 2026 that all event organisers provide evidence (with their event application) of completion of this free training to learn about good practices to help counter terrorism and increase your security awareness. This course is primarily targeted at event organisers and staff working within venues and public spaces, including staff and volunteers. The excellent free online ACT Awareness E-Learning training to raise awareness can be accessed by registering for the online training via the following link [Learning | ProtectUK](#). The training can be completed within one hour.

Do you need to employ third party providers?

No. Premises and event organisers do not need to spend money on consultants to be compliant with the legislative requirements. The government's statutory guidance will assist in determining whether premises or events are in scope of the legislation and if so which tier they fall within. It will enable duty holders to make their own assessments on how they will meet the requirements of the relevant tier and in turn make an assessment on whether they need to seek further support. Please be aware that neither the Home Office nor the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) endorse any third-party products or providers in respect of compliance with this legislation.

Further information:

- [Download the new Martyn's Law myth buster \(protectuk.police.uk\)](#)
- [Terrorism \(Protection of Premises\) Act 2025: factsheets \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [Martyn's Law: the SIA's new regulatory role \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [Martyn's Law | ProtectUK](#)
- [Martyn's Law Factsheet \(homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Now is the time to act—engage with these resources, start planning, and make public safety a central pillar of your event strategy.

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