

Anti-Terrorism

Advice and the steps you can take to keep yourselves safe in the rare event of a firearms or weapons attack.

Whilst at work or in your private life, the threat of terrorism in the UK is real, but with a little knowledge you can increase your safety and help protect yourself against a terrorist attack.

Dowse Haulage has produced this SSOW on how to stay safe when you're out and about and how to report any suspicious behaviour that could be connected to terrorism.

What you can do?

If you see or hear something unusual or suspicious, trust your instincts and ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) by [reporting it in confidence](#). Any piece of information could be important, so it's better to be safe and report anything you see. You can help the police prevent terrorism and save lives.

Crowded places, events, public transport, and iconic locations throughout the country are some examples of locations that could be potential targets for terrorists.

You're familiar with your workplace and surrounding area, so you're ideally placed to spot when something is amiss. In this period of heightened alert, it is vital to remain vigilant, trust your instincts and report possible terrorist activity to the police.

If you see an unattended package that you suspect maybe dangerous, contact the police, keep your distance and warn others to stay away. Do not touch it.

You can help by knowing the signs and behaviours of terrorists and being vigilant about their activities, both online and in your community, such as the following.

- vehicles moving slowly near public buildings, structures or bridges, or parked in suspicious circumstances
- someone suspicious paying close attention to specific entry and exit points, stairwells, hallways or fire escapes
- people loitering at or near premises for long periods and watching staff, visitors and deliveries for no apparent reason
- Do not allow passengers in your vehicle, especially with packages, unless you know them.
- people asking detailed or unusual questions about buildings and business operations, facilities (such as room layouts), security or parking for no apparent reason
- anyone in 'off limits' areas, plant rooms and similar – ask these people who they are and what they're doing, and report this immediately to your security manager or call [999](#).
- **Storage**
- Lock-ups, garages and sheds can be used by terrorists to store equipment. Are you suspicious of anyone renting commercial property?
- **Chemicals**
- Have you noticed someone buying large or unusual quantities of chemicals for no obvious reason?
- **Protective equipment**
- Handling chemicals is dangerous. Have you seen goggles or masks dumped somewhere?
- **Funding**
- Cheque and credit card fraud are ways of generating cash. Have you noticed any suspicious transactions?
- **Multiple identities**
- Do you know someone with documents in different names for no obvious reason?
- **Surveillance**
- Observation and surveillance help terrorists plan attacks. Have you witnessed anyone taking pictures of security arrangements?
- **Transport**
- If you work in commercial vehicle hire or sales, has a sale or rental seemed out of the ordinary?
- **Travel**
- Meetings, training and planning can take place anywhere. Do you know someone who travels but is vague about where they're going?
- **Communication**
- Anonymous, pay-as-you-go and stolen mobiles are typical. Have you seen someone who has several mobiles for no obvious reason?
- **Computers**
- Do you know someone who visits terrorist-related websites or shares content that promotes or glorifies terrorism? Read more about online terrorism below.

- If any of the above ring true, trust your instincts and [report it](#). Our specially trained officers will take it from there.

If you've witnessed any of the above, trust your instincts and report it, in confidence, using the [online tool](#) or call the anti-terrorist hotline on [0800 789 321](#). or [999](#), specially trained officers will take it from there.

If you are in a situation where you hear gunfire or someone wielding a weapon, Do the following:

RUN

- Escape if you can
- Consider the safest options
- Is there a safe route? RUN if not HIDE
- Can you get there without exposing yourself to greater danger?
- Insist others leave with you
- Leave belongings behind
- If you are in a vehicle drive away from the scene if possible, if you cannot, leave your vehicle locked, RUN & HIDE

HIDE

- If you cannot RUN, HIDE
- Find cover from gunfire
- If you can see the attacker, they may be able to see you
- Cover from view does not mean you are safe, bullets go through glass, brick, wood and metal
- Find cover from gunfire e.g. substantial brickwork / heavy reinforced walls
- Be aware of your exits
- Try not to get trapped
- Be quiet, silence your phone and turn off vibrate
- Lock / barricade yourself in
- Move away from the door

TELL

Call 999 - What do the police need to know? If you cannot speak or make a noise listen to the instructions given to you by the call taker

- Location - Where are the suspects?
- Direction - Where did you last see the suspects?
- Descriptions – Describe the attacker, numbers, features, clothing, weapons etc.
- Further information – Casualties, type of injury, building information, entrances, exits, hostages etc.
- Stop other people entering the building if it is safe to do so

ARMED POLICE RESPONSE

- Follow officer's instructions
- Remain calm
- Can you move to a safer area?
- Avoid sudden movements that may be considered a threat
- Keep your hands in view

OFFICERS MAY

- Point guns at you
- Treat you firmly
- Question you
- Be unable to distinguish you from the attacker
- Officers will evacuate you when it is safe to do so

You must STAY SAFE

The threat level to the United Kingdom from international terrorism is currently '**Severe**'. This means that a terrorist 'attack is highly likely'.

The threat to Great Britain from Northern Irish terrorism is 'Moderate'. This means that a terrorist attack is possible, but not likely.