



# Martyn's Law: How Will This Affect CLUK Members Planning Summer Events?

The Manchester Arena terror attack in 2017 left 22 dead and a nation in shock. Since then, the UK has suffered many more unsophisticated terror strikes. In 2023, the UK government introduced Martyn's Law in response to the rising threat level.

## What is Martyn's Law?

Martyn's Law is posthumously named after Martyn Hett, a 29-year-old from Stockport who lost his life in the Manchester Arena bombing. The law, also known as the 'Protect Duty' legislation or, by its full title, the '[Terrorism \(Protection of Premises\) Bill](#)', is designed to introduce mandatory terrorism prevention and protection procedures for certain public premises and events.

Once Martyn's Law comes into effect, it will encourage organisational preparedness and improve protective security across the country. Martyn's law will mandate organisations to assess and mitigate risks before organising public events with more than 100 people in attendance. This will be important legislation for CLUK members who host leisure, cultural, fundraising, or entertainment activities.

The draft bill sets out steps for premises to take to ensure that organisations and their staff know what to do in the event of an attack and are ready to respond quickly and effectively. The five requirements of Martyn's Law are:

- Venues to which the public has access must engage with freely available counter-terrorism advice and training.
- Those venues must conduct vulnerability assessments of their operating places and spaces.
- Risks created by the identified vulnerabilities must be mitigated.
- Venues should have a counter-terrorism plan.
- Local authorities must plan for the threat of terrorism.

**Note:** The draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill was published by the Home Office on 2 May 2023 for pre-legislative scrutiny before the government draws the final version. We will update you on further developments.

## What types of venues does Martyn's Law apply to?

Martyn's Law will apply to premises that have both a defined boundary (a building or a group of buildings or space with a defined boundary) and a qualifying activity taking place at the location. Qualifying activities can include charity, cultural, and entertainment events that host concerts and performances, community sports, and leisure facilities.

CLUK members planning a theatre or outdoor performance gathering a large number of attendees can [refer to this video](#) for more information on how to design an effective security protocol.

The law will establish a tiered model, which will be determined by the venue's maximum capacity.

## Understanding the tiers of Martyn's Law

- **Standard tier\***: Applies to venues that can hold between 100 and 799 people. Owners will be required to produce plans to improve security and preparedness, including staff training, raising awareness, cascading information, and completing a preparedness plan.
- **Enhanced tier**: Applies to venues that can hold 800 people or more. In this case, owners will be expected to undertake more elaborate preparation, including the production of a risk assessment and health and safety plan, as well as designating someone responsible for adherence to the new law.

\*The requirements of the standard tier are being consulted on, as announced as part of the Kings Speech on 7 November 2023.<sup>1</sup>

## Enhancing safety for planning summer events

When Martyn's Law comes into effect, it will strengthen existing security measures and outcomes in open public locations.

It will require

- Existing security guidance is to be given legislative effect for specific sectors, such as bus and coach operators for specific locations;<sup>2</sup>
- Collaboration with groups currently complying with security legislation;
- Companies responsible for holding, selling, or hiring products that terrorists could use as weapons must adhere to security guidance.

Martyn's Law converts best practices into regulations, and following the rules will adequately prepare your organisation in the event of a potential terror attack. Venue managers can also download the [ProtectUK](#) app and keep up-to-date with the latest security guidelines and updates from industry specialists. It will improve their response capability for other security incidents as well.

## Emergency preparedness and evacuation planning

In case of an emergency, charities must know how to evacuate the venue safely. Here's what you can do:

- Provide accessibility options for people with disabilities, such as ramps, designated viewing areas, etc.
- Use matting to prevent rainwater from being carried inside, repair uneven surfaces, remove trailing cables, and provide handrails on stairs.
- Plan and mark evacuation routes to ensure safety and address potential bottlenecks for a large crowd.
- Regularly communicate with your team about changes and prepare everyone for emergencies.
- Download the [ProtectUK](#) app for regular updates on security assessment guidelines from experts.

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## How can Gallagher help CLUK members adhere to Martyn's Law?

In preparation for the new law, Gallagher's Charities team can provide guidance in the following areas:

- Event insurance, includes cover for terrorism, adverse weather, and non-appearances of key individuals.
- IOSH Managing Safely course — specialist training on health and safety issues.
- Ensure that members are appropriately covered for the public's and employers' liability.
- Access to our charity insurance product.
- Advice on terrorism cover, including denial-of-access business interruption.
- Trustee indemnity to protect directors and officers from potential future claims.

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