

MARTYN'S LAW SUMMARY

Martyn's Law, officially known as the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, is a UK law designed to improve public safety by requiring certain venues and events to prepare for the possibility of a terrorist attack.

It was named in memory of Martyn Hett, one of the victims of the 2017 Manchester Arena bombing, and was driven forward by the campaigning efforts of his mother, Figen Murray.

It officially became UK law on April 3rd 2025 - when it received Royal Assent.

Why It Was Introduced

- Following multiple terror attacks in the UK, including Manchester Arena and London Bridge.
- Investigations revealed failures in security preparedness.
- The law addresses the gap where counter-terrorism measures were not legally required, unlike health and safety regulations.

Purpose of the Law

Martyn's Law aims to:

- Enhance protective security and organisational preparedness.
- Ensure venues and events are ready to respond effectively to terrorist threats.
- Introduce legal obligations for public premises to assess and mitigate risks.

Scope and Application

The law applies to publicly accessible premises and events based on capacity:

- **Standard Tier:** Applies to: Premises/events with 200–799 people.

Requirements:

- Notify the Security Industry Authority (SIA).
- Implement public protection procedures:
 - Evacuation
 - Lockdown
 - Invacuation (sheltering in place)
 - Communication protocols
- No requirement for physical security measures.

- **Enhanced Tier:** Premises/events with 800+ people.

Additional Requirements:

- All standard tier duties.
- Implement public protection measures:
- Monitoring (e.g. CCTV)
- Movement control
- Physical security (e.g. barriers, bag checks)
- Information security

Key Requirements

- Risk assessments to identify vulnerabilities.
- Training for staff on how to respond to threats.
- Security planning tailored to the size and nature of the venue or event.
- Regulatory oversight by a new function within the Security Industry Authority (SIA).