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- Martyn's Law – formally known as the 'Terrorism (Protect of Premises) Act 2025 – will improve protective security and organisational preparedness across the UK by requiring that those responsible for certain premises and events consider how they would respond to a terrorist attack.
- In addition to this, at certain larger premises and events, appropriate steps to reduce vulnerability to terrorist attacks must also be considered.
- The SIA will be the regulator.



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Standard Tier – capacities between 200-799

- Requirements
 - Notify the Security Industry Authority (SIA) of their premises; and
 - Have in place, so far as reasonably practicable, appropriate public protection procedures.
 - The requirements for standard duty premises are centred around simple, low-cost activities with costs relating primarily to time spent. There is no requirement to put in place physical measures.

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Enhanced Tier – capacities above 800

- Requirements

- As per those for Standard Tier, AND;
- Have in place, so far as reasonably practicable, appropriate public protection measures that could be expected to reduce both (i) the vulnerability of the premises or event to an act of terrorism, and (ii) the risk of physical harm being caused to individuals if an attack was to occur there or nearby.
- Document the public protection procedures and measures in place, or proposed to be put in place, and provide this document to the SIA. This document should include an assessment of how the public protection procedures and measures reduce vulnerability and/or the risk of harm; and
- Where the responsible person is not an individual, they must designate a senior individual with responsibility for ensuring that the responsible person complies with these requirements.

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Events

- Qualifying criteria
 - Takes place in a premises as defined by the Bill (Section 3).
 - Can be an 'open space' like a park or a field, bringing festivals into scope.
 - Host at least 800 attendees at the same time
 - Meets the 'express permission' criteria (i.e. is ticketed)
 - Is accessible to members of the public
- Standard Tier premises hosting a one off event with over 800 people will be considered a qualifying event for the duration of the event.

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Excluded Premises

- Parks, gardens, recreation grounds, sports grounds and other open-air premises used for recreation, or leisure.
- Transport Premises with existing legislative mitigations in place.

Standard Premises by use

- Some premises – such as places of worship and buildings used for childcare or primary, secondary or further education – will fall within the Standard Tier, regardless of capacity.

Regulator

- The Security Industry Authority (SIA)

- A core principle of the SIA would be to support, advise and guide those responsible for premises and events to meet the requirements
- Function includes investigating suspected non-compliance and enforcement action, using a toolkit of powers and sanctions.
- The Act requires the SIA to set a financial penalty.

Powers

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- Sanctions – Compliance, restriction and penalty notices.

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- Sanctions
 - Compliance – non-compliance to be remedied within a specified timeframe.
 - Restriction –
 - » Enhanced and Qualifying events only
 - » Failure to implement appropriate measures
 - » Required to reduce the risk.
 - Penalties (maximums)
 - » Non- compliance: Standard - £10k Enhanced - £18m or 5% global revenue.
 - » Failure to attend interview - £5k
 - » Daily penalties: Standard - £500 Enhanced £50k.
- Criminal offences

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- Further information is available at [Martyn's Law | ProtectUK](#), which will continue to be updated.
- The Government factsheet can be found at [Martyn's Law Factsheet – Home Office in the media \(blog.gov.uk\)](#) and is a very good explainer
- SIA Statement - [Martyn's Law: Statement from the SIA - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Terrorism \(Protection of Premises\) Act 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

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- The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 received Royal Assent on Thursday 3 April.
- During the 24 month implementation period, the Home Office will publish statutory guidance.
- The implementation period will allow those responsible for premises and events time to understand their new obligations, and to plan and prepare accordingly.
- For more detailed information, please refer to the Act's factsheets on Gov.uk which can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/terrorism-protection-of-premises-act-2025-factsheets>