



FACT SHEET

Beyond Prevent: Protect, Prepare and Pursue

Prevent is just one of four strands of the Government's Anti-Terrorism Strategy (called CONTEST). The other strands of the strategy are known as Protect, Prepare and Pursue. To be most effective, each strand works best not in isolation, but as part of a combined effort.

Protect

The purpose of Protect is to keep the public safe and make it harder for terrorists to carry out an attack. This includes making it difficult for terrorists to access materials, knowledge, and information they could use to conduct an attack; protecting the UK's public spaces, transport and infrastructure; and educating the public on what to do if they see anything suspicious or if there is a terrorist attack.

Key messages include:

Be aware of your environment and anything that seems **out of place** within it.

Watching out for **suspicious behaviour** such as individuals taking an undue interest in the position of security cameras or security guards. Don't be afraid to challenge or report behaviour you regard as suspicious.

Watching out for **suspicious items or objects** and reporting them to the appropriate authorities.

Reporting suspicious transactions or the **loss or theft of materials of concern**, such as chemicals or items that may be used as weapons.

It is particularly important that any staff with public-facing roles, or who work in the public environment, keep the above in mind, as they will be most likely to encounter situations of concern whilst at work.

This could include:

Libraries staff

Countryside service staff

Those carrying out work on urban infrastructure such as roads

However, this advice is equally applicable to our lives outside of work, and so in a wider sense it applies to us all.

For more information, including what to do in the event of a **marauding terrorist attack**, and **Crowded places guidance**, visit the National Counter Terrorism Security Office website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-counter-terrorism-security-office>

In 2021, the UK Government consulted on the Protect Duty. This Fact Sheet will be updated when the outcomes of this consultation are published.

Prepare

The purpose of Prepare is to save lives, reduce harm, and aid recovery quickly in the event of a terrorist attack. This includes ensuring that organisations work in close cooperation when implementing and reviewing contingency measures. One example of this is the Local Resilience Forums (LRFs) which allow local partners to plan and prepare for both localised incidents and large scale emergencies. Another element of Prepare is in ensuring that those required to respond to an incident have the resources, capabilities and training to do so effectively.



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Pursue

The purpose of Pursue is to detect and investigate terrorist activity and prosecute offenders. The primary instrument of this is the police and security services. However, there is a significant role for the public in detecting and preventing terrorism. Counter-Terrorism Policing's ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) public communications campaign seeks to encourage citizens to look out for suspicious activity and behaviour and report it to the police.

Find out more by clicking on the link below:

<https://act.campaign.gov.uk/>

THE FOUR STRANDS OF CONTEST

- Prevent
- Pursue
- Protect
- Prepare

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