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# MARTYN'S LAW (THE TERRORISM (PROTECTION OF PREMISES) BILL)



## What Village Halls and Community Spaces Need to Know

### WHY IS MARTYN'S LAW IMPORTANT?

MARTYN'S LAW IS A NEW LAW THAT AIMS TO PROTECT PEOPLE AT PUBLIC VENUES FROM TERRORIST ATTACKS. IT IS NAMED AFTER MARTYN HETT, ONE OF 22 PEOPLE WHO DIED IN THE MANCHESTER ARENA ATTACK.

THE LAW IS BEING INTRODUCED TO ENSURE VENUES LIKE VILLAGE HALLS AND COMMUNITY SPACES TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT STAFF AND THE PUBLIC FROM THE RISK OF TERRORISM.

### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The person in charge of the premises or event is responsible for making sure these safety procedures are in place. This might be the village hall committee or an event organiser.

### HOW WILL THIS LAW BE ENFORCED?

A regulator will be set up to help village halls and community spaces meet the requirements and provide advice. There will be a transition period (expected to be 24 months) before enforcement starts, giving time for village halls and community spaces to prepare.

### WHERE CAN YOU GET HELP?

The government will provide easy-to-follow guidance so village halls and community spaces know exactly what to do. You won't need to hire experts, and much of the planning should be simple and low-cost.

### WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO? (DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD)

- **Notify Authorities:** You'll need to inform the regulator (an agency that will be set up to oversee this law) that your venue can host 200 or more people.
- **Public Safety Procedures:** You must have procedures in place to protect people in the event of a terrorist attack. This includes plans for evacuation or lockdown and making sure staff know what to do.
- **Training and Preparation:** No special equipment is required, but you must train staff and volunteers on the procedures to ensure they know how to respond to a threat.

### WHAT ABOUT LARGER EVENTS?

- For village halls and community spaces which host events with 800 or more people, additional steps are needed, such as:
  - **Monitoring:** Put measures in place to watch for unusual activity.
  - **Preparedness:** Create a documented plan showing how the venue would reduce harm and manage risks in case of an attack.



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