

Martyn's Law Public Consultation

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If you operate a venue or an event with a capacity of 100+, this will impact you.

The Government is currently consulting on The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill also known as 'Martyn's Law' in tribute to Martyn Hett, who was tragically killed alongside 21 others in the Manchester Arena terrorist attack in 2017.

Martyn's Law will aim to improve the safety and security of public venues and keep the British public safe from terrorism. Those responsible for public venues will have to consider the threat of terrorism and implement appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures.

Update Nov 2024: The Consultation is now closed. Please take a few minutes to complete this consultation. This is your chance to have your voice heard. They particularly welcome views from those responsible for the smaller premises which would fall within the Standard Tier, (with a capacity of 200) **(this figure has been updated following the publication of the [Consultation Report](#) in Nov 2024)** especially those in the community and voluntary sector.

The consultation can be completed online or in an alternative format upon request. The closing date is Monday 18 March 2024. The response will be published in due course. [Complete the consultation here.](#) **Update Nov 2024: The Consultation is now closed.**

Will my centre be affected?

If your venue capacity is under 200 Martyn's Law will not affect you. (This figure has been updated, it was previously 100, following the publication of the [Consultation Report](#) in Nov 2024)

If you run a public centre (see list below) or event with a capacity of over 200 you will be eligible under Martyn's law

1. **Capacity:** The maximum occupancy of the premises meets a specified threshold – either 200+ (Standard Tier) or 800+ (Enhanced Tier)
2. **If your public venue provides (qualifying activity):**
 - Entertainment and leisure.
 - Retail.
 - Food and drink.
 - Museums and galleries.
 - Sports grounds.
 - Public areas of local and central government buildings (such as town halls).
 - Visitor attractions.
 - Places of worship, health, and education.
3. **Eligible premises will be those which are either:**
 - a Building (including collections of buildings used for the same purposes, e.g. a campus).
 - a Location/Event (including a temporary event) that has a defined boundary and capacity.

If you run a venue or event capacity of 200+ you will need to: (Standard Tier Requirements.)

1. Notify the Regulator that you or have become, responsible for premises.
2. Have in place reasonably practical measures that could be expected to reduce the risk of physical harm to individuals at the premises in the event of an attack. It is not expected or required that physical changes will be made, or additional equipment will need to be purchased for Standard Tier premises. Measures could include:
 - locking doors to reduce attackers access whilst guiding staff and customers to alternative exits.

- completion of appropriate training such as first aid and preparedness from Protect UK

If you run a venue or event with a capacity of 800+ you will need to (Enhanced tier requirements) ensure that you undertake a thorough and reasonably practicable risk assessment and have a clear security plan.

Places of worship will receive individual treatment. All places of worship will be placed within the standard tier regardless of their capacity. There will be a small number of exceptions across all faiths, for those that charge tourists for entry or hire out the site for large commercial events.

How will this affect accessibility? Most changes will involve security systems, procedures and how staff are trained. If you do make any changes to your venues as a result of Martyn's law you must ensure that the changes do not limit accessibility.

Enforcing the law

Who is the Regulator? The regulator will be identified when the bill is enacted.

Guidance and support from [ProtectUK](#) is available to ensure that those in scope have the required information on what to do and how best to do it.

Martyn's Law will extend to and apply across the whole of the United Kingdom.

Further information and resources:

[Government fact sheets](#) – these provide some more detail

[Protect UK overview on Martyns Law](#)

[Onlinefistaid.com blog on Martyns Law](#)

Update: 1st November 2024

The [Consultation Report](#) has been published with a few proposed amendments, the key change is that the Standard Tier threshold has been increased to 200. **So now only venues with capacity for 200 + will have to comply with Martyn's Law.**

Further amendments are being raised as the bill proceeds through parliament including a proposal that the Standard Tier be increased to 300.

Watch this space for further updates.

Further information and resources:

[Amended bill](#)

[Explanatory notes on the bill](#)