

# MARTYN'S LAW

Everything you need to know

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# WHAT IS MARTYN'S LAW?

Martyn's Law, also known as the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, has now passed into legislation. The purpose of the Bill is twofold - to reduce terrorist attacks in the UK and, if an attack does occur, to reduce the impact on those people involved.

## Why does it exist?

Martyn's Law exists today due to the tragic events that occurred at Manchester Arena on 22 May 2017. The terror attack resulted in the deaths of 22 people, with a further 1,017 being injured. There were significant safety and emergency failings which could have been handled better and reduced the loss of life. This resulted in Martyn's Law coming into effect in 2025.

[Read more about Martyn and why this law came into being here](#) 



# WHO DOES IT IMPACT?

Martyn's Law is designed for a wide range of premises and venues, including outdoor events that the public have access to.

The legislation creates two tiers of venues – the Standard Tier, and the Enhanced Tier. These tiers are based on the people capacity of the premises, including staff.

Both tiers will be required to consider and implement a range of measures. However, those in the Enhanced Tier will need to put more significant protection processes in place.

**The Standard Tier applies to premises with a capacity between 200 and 800**

This directly impacts many retail stores, entertainment venues, pubs, and restaurants

**The Enhanced Tier applies to premises and events with a capacity of 800 or more**

This affects large shopping centres, hotels, sports stadiums, major entertainment venues, and outdoor festivals

# WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOU?

**Under Martyn's Law, businesses and organisations – especially those in hospitality and leisure – will face different requirements depending on whether they fall into the Standard or Enhanced Tier. As a licensee, you are most likely required to comply with the Standard Tier.**

The requirements for the smaller Standard Tier premises focus on activities to enact policies and procedures that are expected to be simple and low cost, and the aim of this is to improve staff preparedness and responses.

**The Act does not require physical alterations to premises or the purchase of equipment for the purpose of having these procedures in place.**

## **Standard Tier requirements include:**

- ✓ **Threat assessment-** Identifies most likely attacks.
- ✓ **Security measures-** Detailed measures to reduce the likelihood of attack
- ✓ **Harm reduction policy-** Establishes procedures to reduce harm if an attack occurs
- ✓ **Emergency plan-** Outlines actions to be taken during an attack
- ✓ **Staff training-** Ensures relevant staff are trained for security protocols
- ✓ **Annual review-** Conducts an annual evaluation of all measures

# MORE INFORMATION



Our Trusted Partner, Howden, have a culmination of different resources surrounding Martyn's Law. If you are interested in learning and understanding Martyn's Law further, access both their articles and YouTube video below:

## Article links

[Martyn's Law is here, but what do I need to do?](#)

[Understanding Martyn's Law](#)



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