



Martyn's Law readiness checklist

For UK venues and events. Plain English, based on the Act and the Home Office statutory guidance.

Free checklist for UK venues

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The duties are expected to come into force in spring 2027. No commencement date has been announced yet. Use this checklist to be ready on day one.

1. Are you in scope?

- Work out the maximum number of people reasonably expected to be present at the same time, including staff, contractors and volunteers.
- Below 200: the premises duties are not expected to apply.
- 200 to 799: standard tier.
- 800 or more: enhanced tier. Qualifying events of 800 or more also fall under the enhanced duties.
- Places of worship, early years settings, schools and further education settings are always standard tier, even at 800 or more.
- Record how you calculated your figure, using the methods in the Home Office supplementary document A.

2. Who is responsible?

- Identify the responsible person: whoever is in control of the premises. Control is the test, not

ownership or holding the licence.

- For a tenanted pub, the tenant in control is the responsible person (correction slip, 6 August 2026).
- Where control is shared, agree in writing who does what. Responsibility cannot be handed to a contractor or consultant.

3. Standard tier duties

Have procedures that can reasonably be expected to reduce the risk of physical harm if an attack happens, so far as reasonably practicable. There is no legal requirement for building works at the standard tier.

Procedure	What it covers	Done
Evacuation	Getting people out safely, away from the threat, using routes that avoid danger.	
Invacuation	Bringing people inside, to a safer part of the building, when outside is dangerous.	
Lockdown	Securing doors and keeping people away from the threat until it passes.	
Communication	Alerting staff and the public quickly, and calling 999.	

- Make sure every member of staff knows their role in each procedure.
- Brief new starters and refresh everyone regularly. The free ACT Awareness e-learning on ProtectUK is a good starting point.
- Practise the procedures and keep a record of each test and what you changed.
- Review your procedures at least once a year and whenever the venue changes.

4. Enhanced tier: additional duties

- Put in place public protection measures, so far as reasonably practicable, covering monitoring, movement of people, physical safety and the security of information.
- Document your measures and procedures in a compliance document and provide it to the SIA.
- Organisations must designate a senior individual responsible for compliance.
- Most enhanced tier venues will benefit from a specialist security consultant.

5. Notify the SIA

- Existing premises: notify the Security Industry Authority within three months of the notification duty coming into force.
- Changes to your details, such as a new capacity figure or contact: notify within 28 days.
- Qualifying events: notify within 14 days of first publicity.

- Gather now: contact details, your capacity figure and relevant licences. Enhanced tier: senior individual and compliance document.

6. Penalties to know

- Standard tier: penalties of up to £10,000.
- Enhanced tier: up to £18 million or 5% of qualifying worldwide revenue, whichever is higher.
- Daily penalties can apply after a notice is breached: up to £500 a day at the standard tier and up to £50,000 a day for enhanced premises and events.

Official sources

- Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025: legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/10
- Home Office statutory guidance and correction slip: gov.uk (search 'Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 statutory guidance')
- Notification Requirements Regulations 2026: legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/793
- ProtectUK free training and resources: protectuk.police.uk

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