

Counter Terrorism

Event Organisers should ensure they and all staff involved in delivery of the event are aware of the threat from terrorism, the different and broad range of attack methodologies, the signs of suspicious behaviour to be vigilant for and the measures to put in place to mitigate against the threat as well as how staff at the event should react and respond to any emerging, potential or actual threat scenario or attack.

Key Points:

- **Make sure that threats, including terrorism, form part of the event security risk assessment**
- **Understanding the threat facing the event is key to ensuring that protective security measures and mitigations are proportionate, effective and responsive**
- **It is essential that event organisers fully check the operational competence of those advising them on counter terrorism**

The following resources contain a range of counter terrorism advice and awareness raising products to assist Event Organisers:

- [Action Counter Terrorism \(ACT\) Awareness e-Learning](#)
- [See, Check and Notify \(SCaN\) for all staff](#)
- [Hostile Vehicle Mitigation \(HVM\) | NPSA](#)

Aberdeenshire Council encourages Event Organisers to consider ensuring that all event staff complete the ACT Awareness e-learning. This is UK Government backed, free to access online training, providing advice and guidance on current threats and steps to overcome.

The above training includes the **HOT** protocols, to be used when dealing with suspicious packages.

Event Organisers can also access other sources of help to assist with the counter terrorism element of their event planning via:

- [Police Scotland](#) – local Police Scotland North-East Division event planning officers have access to advice and guidance from Counter Terrorism Policing specialists.
- [The Purple Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Outdoor Events](#) ('The Purple Guide') and its [Chapter on Counter Terrorism](#). (Subscription fee applies).
- The [Protect UK](#) platform also provides subscription-free sections on [The Purple Guide Counter Terrorism Chapter](#), including information on [Sources of Help](#).
- The [National Protective Security Authority](#) (NPSA) that can be found online at [National Protective Security Authority | NPSA](#)

Further advice and guidance can also be sought via the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) process, which is a multi-agency meeting involving the Event Organiser, the Local Authority and partner agencies including the emergency services. Event Organisers can request a SAG through the event licensing contacts at Aberdeenshire Council.

Aberdeenshire Council advise Event Organisers to consider the current UK threat level and its impact on their event. It is the responsibility of Event Organisers to identify and record the risks and mitigate the threat and impact of terrorism on their event.