THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO MARTYN'S LAW

READINESS CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to get ready before the duties of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 come into force, expected in spring 2027.

1. YOUR POSITION

Your premises are likely to be in scope if there's at least one building, it's used wholly or mainly for a Schedule 1 use, and it's reasonable to expect 200 or more people at the same time, staff included. Don't use your maximum capacity.

PEOPLE AT ONCE	USUAL POSITION
Under 200	Outside the scope of the premises duties
200 to 799	Standard tier: notify the SIA and put the four procedures in place
800 or more	Enhanced tier: plus measures, a documented plan for the SIA and a senior individual. Worship, childcare, schools and FE stay standard.

PREMISES OR EVENT _____ RESPONSIBLE PERSON _____

PEOPLE EXPECTED AT ONCE (BUSIEST TIMES) _____ DATE ASSESSED _____

OUR POSITION ☐ Outside scope ☐ Standard tier ☐ Enhanced tier ☐ Not sure yet

2. IF YOU'RE IN SCOPE

	ACTION	OWNER	DUE
☐	**Confirm scope and tier.** Map your premises and events, name the responsible person for each, and record which tier applies.		
☐	**Read the statutory guidance.** The Home Office guidance explains what the duties mean in practice for each tier.		
☐	**Review what you already have.** Existing fire, safety and emergency arrangements are often a good foundation.		
☐	**Write your four procedures.** Evacuation, invacuation, lockdown and communication, planned for an attack at your premises or nearby (see page 2).		
☐	**Consider people who need help.** Plan for visitors and staff who may need assistance to move or understand instructions.		
☐	**Check your openings.** Can every entrance be secured quickly without blocking an escape route?		
☐	**Brief your team.** Make sure relevant staff, volunteers and contractors know their roles, and consider practice drills.		
☐	**Put measures in place** ENHANCED ONLY for monitoring, movement, physical security and information security, and prepare your compliance document.		
☐	**Get ready to notify the SIA** once it publishes how to do so.		
☐	**Plan ahead.** Agree owners, timescales and any support you'll need before the duties start.		

3. PLAN YOUR FOUR PROCEDURES EVERY TIER

Plan for an attack at your premises or nearby. Note who is responsible for each.

1 EVACUATION

Safe routes away from danger, alternative exits, safe places to go, and who will direct people.

2 INVACUATION

Safer areas inside the premises, and how to move people there, including bringing people in when that's safer.

3 LOCKDOWN

How to secure entry and exit points to restrict an attacker's movement, who will act, and how people get further instructions.

4 COMMUNICATION

How to alert staff and visitors, give clear instructions, and call 999 when it's safe to do so.

4. CAN YOU LOCK DOWN IN SECONDS?

- ☐ Can staff close every public entrance quickly, without leaving the building?
- ☐ Do your existing shutters or grilles work quickly, and does everyone know how to operate them?
- ☐ Is there a safer room or back-of-house area people could move to?
- ☐ Would securing an entrance block an escape route?

Standard-tier duties don't require equipment or building changes. If the answers expose gaps, a proportionate physical upgrade may be the most practical fix, and the decision is worth recording.

5. IF YOU'RE OUTSIDE SCOPE

There are no duties under Martyn's Law for premises or events outside its scope, but other safety obligations still apply. As good practice:

- ☐ **Record your assessment** and how you estimated your numbers.
- ☐ **Check your events.** An event with 800+ people and entry checks may be in scope in its own right.
- ☐ **Check whether you're part of a larger site**, such as a shopping centre or campus, that may be in scope.
- ☐ **Keep it under review.** Changes of use, extensions, refurbishments or growing visitor numbers can bring you into scope.
- ☐ **Adopt simple good practice.** Know how to evacuate, invacuate and lock down, brief your staff, and use free ProtectUK advice.

OFFICIAL GUIDANCE

GOV.UK: Home Office statutory guidance and the SIA's information on its role as regulator (search "Martyn's Law").

legislation.gov.uk: the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025.

ProtectUK: scope guidance and free practical advice.

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We'll identify the openings that matter to your lockdown and invacuation plans, and recommend certified shutters, grilles and barriers that fit how you trade.

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This checklist gives general information based on the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 and Home Office statutory guidance current at October 2026. It isn't legal advice, and no product is a legal requirement. Consider your own circumstances and seek specialist advice where needed. Last reviewed: October 2026.