

RPT 2a Overview of DSC Events and Venues Toolkit

Background and Context

The Decision Support Centre (DSC) Toolkit has been developed in response to the implementation of Martyn's Law (Terrorism [Protection of Premises] Act 2025). This legislation introduces legal duties for certain venues and events to take proportionate steps in enhancing public protection against terrorist threats.

The Toolkit is a proactive, supportive resource designed to empower venues, event organisers and Responsible Persons to meet these compliance obligations in a practical, cost-effective and confident manner.

At a time when the events and hospitality sectors are under growing scrutiny and pressure to meet new regulatory standards, the Toolkit enables organisations of all sizes, from grassroots community events to large-scale stadiums, to embed a culture of preparedness and responsibility.

Toolkit Scope and Structure

The Toolkit is divided into chapters covering all key aspects of compliance, with tailored guidance and templates for both the Standard and Enhanced Tiers under Martyn's law. Each section is written in accessible language and designed to scale according to the nature and capacity of the venue or event.

Key Chapters Include:

- **Compliance Support:** A complete roadmap to legal readiness, including checklists, risk assessment templates and business continuity planning tools.
- **Responsible Person:** Detailed guidance on legal duties, documentation and liaison with authorities, framed within the 'reasonable and practical' approach of Martyn's Law.
- **Training Framework:** Structured learning plans, delivery methods and readiness tools including ACT awareness, crowd safety and emergency drills.
- **Communication Planning:** A practical template covering internal and external communications before, during and after incidents.
- **Technical and Physical Security:** Low-cost, high-impact recommendations suitable for all venue types, from lighting and CCTV to crowd control and access management.
- **Incident Response Playbooks:** Scenario-based action plans for threats ranging from suspicious items and hostile vehicles to mass casualty incidents and adverse weather.
- **Policies and Documentation:** Ready-to-use templates for reporting, staff briefing, audits and GDPR compliance.
- **Multi-agency Coordination:** Guidance for working with emergency services, transferring primacy and documenting shared responsibilities.

- Directors and Officers Insurance: A primer on D&O coverage to protect leadership in a compliance-driven environment.

Application and Benefits

The Toolkit is intended for immediate adoption and practical use across the public, private and third sectors.

It simplifies compliance with Martyn's Law by translating regulatory obligations into step-by-step actions supported by checklists, examples and links to trusted third-party resources (e.g: ProtectUK, Joint Emergency Service Interoperability Programme JESIP, National Counter Terrorism Security Office NaCTSO, Health and Safety Executive HSE).

Key benefits include:

- A standardised approach to risk and security planning.
- Cost-effective resources suitable for budget-sensitive organisations.
- Increased staff and volunteer preparedness.
- Demonstrable due diligence for regulatory inspections.
- Integration with the National Events Database (NED) and the Decision Support Centre monitoring service, offering further layers of safety and support.