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Protect Duty Legislation - Martyn's Law



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WHAT IS PROTECT DUTY (MARTYN'S LAW)

On Monday 19 December 2022, the Government announced details of Protect Duty legislation. The legislation will place a requirement on those responsible for certain publicly accessible locations (PALs) to consider the threat from terrorism and implement appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures. The government is currently proposing to introduce the legislation in 2023.

The legislation is to be known as 'Martyn's Law' in tribute to Martyn Hett, one of the 21 people who lost their lives in the Manchester Arena terrorist attack.

EVENTS AND VENUES THAT WILL FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE LEGISLATION

The current information provided by the government states that venues and events will fall within the scope of the legislation if a "qualifying activity" takes place and they align with the following criteria:

- The activities take place at a location that is eligible by having a defined boundary.
- The maximum occupancy meets a specified threshold:
 - **100+ (Standard Tier)**
 - **800+ (Enhanced Tier)**

HOW WILL THE LEGISLATION IMPACT MY ORGANISATION

The proposed legislation will impose a duty on the owners and operators of publicly accessible locations to increase their preparedness for and protection from a terrorist attack. This will be done by requiring them to take proportionate steps, depending on the size and nature of the activities that take place at the location. As proportionality is a fundamental consideration for the legislation the government has announced that it will have a tiered model, linked to the activity that will take place at a location and its capacity:

- **Standard Tier** - Will drive good preparedness outcomes. Duty holders will be required to undertake simple yet effective measures to improve protective security and preparedness.
- **Enhanced Tier** - will see additional requirements placed on high-capacity locations in recognition of the potentially catastrophic consequences of a successful attack.

NEXT STEPS - GUILDSTONE ASSOCIATES SOLUTIONS

While supporting the introduction of Protect Duty legislation as an appropriate response to current security threats, Guildstone Associates also recognises the challenges that compliance will place on many of our clients. To mitigate these challenges Guildstone has designed a range of solutions to meet the distinctive requirements of each client. These solutions will ensure that clients can have full confidence that their venues and events are fully compliant with the legislative requirements and ethos of Martyn's Law.

To register an interest in our solutions please contact Guildstone Associates via the following details:

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