

## **Important News**

## MAKING A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD ENHANCING SAFETY AND SECURITY IN PUBLIC SPACES

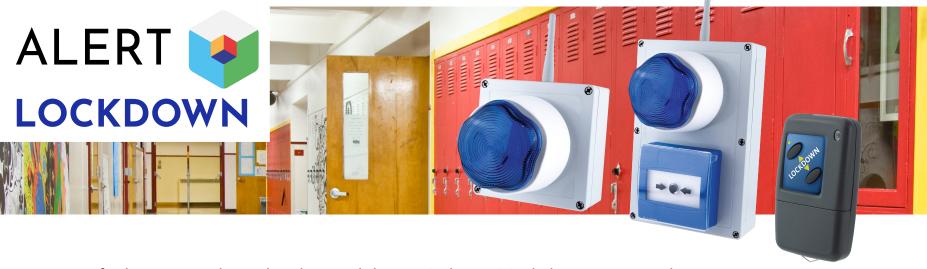
The bill for Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also known as Martyn's Law has now been passed in Parliament.

The aim of Martyn's Law is to improve the safety and security of public venues and keep the public safe from terrorism. The Law will ensure that public premises and events are better prepared for, and protected from, terrorist attacks and requires the premises to fulfil several steps according to the capacity, size of venue and the nature of the activity taking place.

All schools, irrespective of their capacity, will fall under the STANDARD TIER. During the two-year implementation period schools will be advised to take reasonable steps to improve their preparedness for potential threats. Schools should be reviewing their current arrangements via enhanced security risk assessments and training, with an emphasis on those risks from terrorism.

A natural area for review will be a school's lockdown procedure. Ofsted guidelines already state that a school's lockdown alert must sound distinctive to the fire alert, as one means stay on the premises and find a place of safety whilst the other is to evacuate. Schools may therefore wish to introduce a quickly identifiable audible and/or visual alert system as part of their preparedness. At the very least schools should be reviewing their current emergency plans and seeking security advice.

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