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## Martyn's Law: Protecting Our Schools & Communities

### What is Martyn's Law?

Martyn's Law, officially the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, was introduced to improve security and preparedness against potential threats. Named in honour of Martyn Hett, a victim of the Manchester Arena attack, this law ensures that public spaces, including schools, take necessary precautions to safeguard students and staff.

### Why Must Schools Comply?

All schools and colleges in the UK must adhere to Martyn's Law to:

- Assess Risks – Conduct terrorism risk assessments to identify potential threats.
- Prepare Emergency Plans – Establish procedures for evacuation, invacuation, lockdown, and communication.
- Enhance Security – Strengthen protective measures to minimize harm in case of an incident.
- Legal Obligation – Compliance is mandatory, with enforcement beginning in 2027.

### When Does It Take Effect?

Martyn's Law received Royal Assent on 3 April 2025.

Schools have a 24-month implementation period to prepare before enforcement begins.

### What Schools Need to Do

Register premises with the Security Industry Authority (SIA).

Appoint a Responsible Person (e.g., headteacher or principal).

Contact Blue Orange and discuss various compliant security lock down systems.

Develop and maintain public protection procedures.

Train staff and students on emergency responses.



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