

## FAITH COMMUNITY ADVICE

INTERNATIONAL IN THE  
UNITED KINGDOM

**SEVERE**

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HIGHLY LIKELY

NORTHERN IRISH-RELATED  
IN GREAT BRITAIN

**MODERATE**

AN ATTACK IS POSSIBLE,  
BUT NOT LIKELY

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IN NORTHERN IRELAND

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.mi5.gov.uk](http://www.mi5.gov.uk)

### Faith Community Advice Following Incident in Christchurch, New Zealand—March 2019

On Friday, 15th March 2019 at about 13:40 local time, an attack took place on two mosques in central Christchurch, New Zealand. This resulted in at least 49 fatalities and a significant number of people being injured. Following the attack two explosive devices were found close to the locations inside motor vehicles.

National Policing lead for Counter Terrorism, Neil Basu said:

“We stand together with all our communities and partners here in the UK and overseas, and will continue to work with them to counter the threat no matter where it comes from. Together with our intelligence partners we continually monitor the varied threats we face, including to and around places of worship and specific communities across the country, to ensure we have the most appropriate protective security measures in place to keep people safe.

We have stepped up reassurance patrols around mosques and increasing engagement with communities of all faiths, giving advice on how people and places can protect themselves”

The threat to the United Kingdom remains unchanged. Additional resources have been deployed to undertake patrols at Mosques to provide reassurance during Friday prayers

The police continually reevaluate the security posture and deployments.

This document provides information on where advice and guidance can be obtained online in relation to protective security steps that people and those responsible for places of worship may adopt in order to prevent and respond to any incident.



Action Counters Terrorism (ACT). It is an innovative 45-minute training scheme that could help prevent terror attacks and it covers how to spot the signs of suspicious behaviour and what to do if an attack should take place. Free to use, the package can be divided into short sections to suit business needs and it takes just three quarters of an hour to complete – 45 vital minutes that could save lives.

The ACT 2018 campaign was implemented to reinforce one particular message – that communities defeat terrorism. We encourage businesses to apply for registration and make use of this free resource.

For more information, please visit the National Counter Terrorism Security Office website [here](http://www.nctphq.gov.uk).

**It only takes a moment to make a report online of suspicious activity. In an emergency, or if you need urgent police assistance, you should always dial 999. You can also report suspicious activity by contacting the police in confidence on 0800 789 321.**

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**Run Hide Tell** — <https://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/WeaponAttacksStaySafe.aspx>

Incidents in the UK and around the world remind us all of the terrorist threat we face, which in the UK is considered as 'SEVERE', meaning an attack is highly likely. Police and security agencies are working tirelessly to protect the public but it is also important that communities remain vigilant and aware of how to protect themselves if the need arises.

**Suspicious Items—Guidance**— <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/recognising-the-terrorist-threat/recognising-the-terrorist-threat>

- Do not touch
- Try and identify an owner in the immediate area
- If you still think it's suspicious, don't feel embarrassed or think anybody else will report it
- Report it to a member of staff, security, or if they are not available dial 999 (do not use your mobile phone in the immediate vicinity)
- Move away to a safe distance - Even for a small item such as a briefcase move at least 100m away from the item starting from the centre and moving out

	<b>H</b> <b>Hidden?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has it been concealed or hidden from view?</li> <li>• Bombs are unlikely to be left in locations such as this – where any unattended item will be noticed quickly.</li> </ul>
	<b>O</b> <b>Obviously suspicious?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does it have wires, circuit boards, batteries, tape or putty-like substances?</li> <li>• Do you think the item poses an immediate threat to life?</li> </ul>
	<b>T</b> <b>Typical?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the item typical of what you would expect to find in this location?</li> <li>• Most lost property is found in locations where people congregate.</li> </ul>

**Crowded Places Guidance from the NCPP** — <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crowded-places-guidance>



The UK faces a real threat from terrorism and crowded places remain an attractive target.

Crowded places include shopping centres, sports stadia, bars, pubs, places of worship and clubs which are easily accessible to the public and attractive to terrorists.

Guidance has been written to help those charged with security at crowded places mitigate the threat and help make the UK less vulnerable to an attack.

**CPNI Advice—Marauding Terrorist Attacks** — <https://www.cpni.gov.uk/marauding-terrorist-attacks-0>

Marauding terrorist attacks are fast-moving, violent incidents where assailants move through a location aiming to find and kill or injure as many people as possible. Most deaths occur within the first few minutes of the attack, before police are able to respond.

It is more important than ever that your organisation is aware of the heightened risks and adequately prepared for any potential attack.

New and detailed guidance is now available providing details of the simple measures that can be taken to minimise the impact of an attack and help save lives. This new guidance builds on the principles of RUN, HIDE, TELL published by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office.



**Lets Talk About it** — <https://www.ltai.info>

Let's Talk About It is an initiative designed to provide practical help and guidance in order to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting [terrorism](#).