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Advice following Streatham incident

Following the incident in Streatham yesterday, please see the following advice from Counter Terrorism Policing and a message from Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D'Orsi.

Dear UK Protect Colleagues

Please find below the latest information we want to share with you regarding the incident yesterday in Streatham High Street.

In addition, I would like to express my thanks to the business community in the immediate area who - along with many members of the public - gave their support and cooperation to the officers present.

The work you have helped us deliver to the commercial sector over recent years makes a significant difference when these dreadful attacks occur. More people know how to react and we recover back to a state of normality much quicker.

Please continue to collaborate with us. Only together, with all sections of society focussed on tackling terrorism, will more lives be saved.

This attack demonstrates the need to continue vigilance. Further Protective Security advice can be found on the [NaCTSO](#) website.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D'Orsi

Senior National Coordinator

**Counter Terrorism Protective Security
and Preparedness**

Terror attacks can take place anywhere, at any time. They are not restricted to large cities or iconic locations.

Tackling terrorism is a top priority for police forces across the UK. We work together, with partners and all communities, to help keep the public safe.

Following the attack in Streatham on Sunday Feb 2, the threat level remains at Substantial, which means an attack is likely.

Our advice is that the public should remain vigilant at all times and report any concerns, in confidence, to the police. You can report online at gov.uk/ACT or call the hotline on 0800 789 321. **If there is an immediate risk always call 999.**

In the rare event of being caught up in a firearms or weapon attack, our advice is [Run Hide Tell](#).

In recent years, attacks have been prevented and lives have been saved as a result of information received from the public. With the continuing terrorist threat, it is now more important than ever that everyone plays their part in tackling terrorism.

#CommunitiesDefeatTerrorism. If you see something that concerns you, trust your instincts and ACT.

Do not worry that you may be wasting our time. No call or click will be ignored. What you tell us is treated in the strictest confidence and is thoroughly researched by experienced officers before, and if, any police action is taken.

Any piece of information could be important, it is better to be safe and report. You could help the police stop an attack and save lives.

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For anyone affected by a terrorism incident, you can find information and support at <https://victimsofterrorism.campaign.gov.uk/>

1. Protective Security

We work closely with the business community so together we can strengthen our resilience to terrorism attacks. We regularly deliver events and briefings to provide key advice to commercial organisations, public sector and other institutions.

We also offer free online training to businesses and the public. Find out more and sign up here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/act-awareness-elearning>

The [National Counter Terrorism Security Office](#) provide specialist security advice for different sectors.

Our principal advice to business is that if they see someone acting suspiciously, they should trust their instincts and contact police in confidence.

Do not worry that you may be wasting our time. Any piece of information could be important, it is better to be safe and report. You can help the police stop an attack and save lives.

Examples of suspicious behaviour could include:

- Hiring large vehicles or similar for no obvious reasons
- Buying or storing a large amount of chemicals, fertilisers or gas cylinders for no obvious reasons
- Taking notes or photos of security arrangements, or inspecting CCTV cameras in an unusual way
- Looking at extremist material, including on the so-called Dark Web, or sharing and creating content that promotes or glorifies terrorism
- Someone receiving deliveries for unusual items bought online
- Embracing or actively promoting hateful ideas or an extremist ideology
- Possessing illegal firearms or improvised or home-made weapons - possibly using household items - or showing an interest in obtaining them
- Holding passports or other documents in different names, for no obvious reason

- Anyone who goes away travelling for long periods of time but is vague about the detail
- Unusual bank transactions

2. Prevent

The best way to tackle terrorism is to stop people being drawn into violent extremist activity in the first place.

The Prevent programme works to offer bespoke support to those at risk. It covers all forms of extremism and anyone with concerns that an individual may be being radicalised should contact police on 101. Early intervention is vital. If you have concerns, do not delay. Prevent is a safeguarding programme that has saved hundreds of people being drawn into serious criminal activity. It has given many a positive future, when they could have been heading for a criminal record - or worse.

Visit the [Let's Talk About It website](#) to find out more.

3. Hate Crime

Terrorists want to create discord, distrust, and fear. The police stand together with all communities in the UK and we will take action against any criminal behaviour which seeks to undermine society, especially where crimes are motivated by hate.

We are aware that following acts of terrorism, there can be an increase in hate crimes within our communities. We want those who are victims to feel confident that we will take your reports seriously, protect you and make sure you get all the support you need.

If you are a witness or a victim of hate crime, or feel vulnerable, please contact someone to report it.

Call the police on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org, or visit the True Vision website (www.report-it.org.uk) for information, advice and to report online.

In an emergency, always dial 999.

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