

MARTYN'S LAW

RESPONSIBILITY & COMPLIANCE GUIDANCE

Understanding Legal Accountability under
the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025



WHO HOLDS LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY?

Under Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 ("Martyn's Law"), legal responsibility sits with the Responsible Person.

This is typically the:

- Premises Licence Holder
- Venue Operator
- Event Organiser
- Controlling Company responsible for the site or event

The Responsible Person represents the organisation with operational control of the premises or event.

THE ROLE OF SECURITY TEAMS

Security personnel remain a critical part of a venue's safety strategy and may be required to:

- Monitor suspicious behaviour
- Follow site-specific counter-terrorism procedures
- Conduct searches where required
- Support evacuations or invacuations
- Assist with emergency response plans

All security personnel must operate:

- Within Assignment Instructions
- Under venue/event management direction
- In line with SIA licensing requirements

WHO DOES MARTYN'S LAW APPLY TO?

STANDARD TIER - 200 - 799 PERSONS

Focuses on preparedness and procedures, including:

- Staff awareness training
- Emergency response procedures
- Evacuation and invacuation planning
- Terrorism incident response awareness

ENHANCED TIER - 800+ PERSONS

Requires additional measures, including:

- Formal terrorism risk assessments
- Documented security planning
- Enhanced governance and oversight
- Protective security measures where appropriate

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION FOR CLIENTS

Under the Act, contracted Security Providers cannot be held responsible for the legal responsibility of the venue/event, simply by supplying security services. However, the services that they do provide can form part of the adopted processes and practices.

Security Providers can:

SUPPORT
COMPLIANCE

PROVIDE TRAINED
PERSONNEL

ASSIST WITH
OPERATIONAL
PROCEDURES

HELP IMPLEMENT
VENUE POLICIES

SUPPORT EMERGENCY
PLANNING PROCESSES

The venue or event operator remains legally responsible for:

RISK
ASSESSMENTS

COUNTER
TERRORISM
PLANNING

EMERGENCY
PROCEDURES

STAFF
PREPAREDNESS

OVERALL MARTYN'S
LAW COMPLIANCE

OUR POSITION AS A SECURITY PROVIDER

As a professional security provider, we support venues and event operators through trained personnel, operational best practice and preparedness measures. While we can assist with implementing security procedures and emergency planning, legal responsibility for compliance with the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 remains with the Responsible Person and cannot be transferred to a contracted provider.