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NATIONAL BULLETIN

# Terrorism threat level lowered to Substantial

**The Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) has lowered the threat level to Substantial - meaning an attack is likely.**

The decision to lower the assessment from Severe – meaning an attack is highly likely – was announced by the Home Secretary today, Monday 8 February 2021, and comes after the significant reduction in the momentum of attacks in Europe since those seen between September and November 2020.

The UK national threat level is kept under constant review, and JTAC conduct a formal review every six months. This is a systematic, comprehensive and rigorous process, based on the very latest intelligence and analysis of internal and external factors which drive the threat.

Counter Terrorism Policing continue to urge the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

We ask that people are not complacent, especially during this period of increased pandemic lockdown, and remain vigilant.

The threat has not gone away but we can reassure you that policing and our partners have a variety of established operational tactics that are tried and tested to ensure the UK is both well prepared and protected from the threat of terrorism.

## **ACT Awareness e-Learning**

ACT Awareness e-Learning 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.

We encourage businesses to apply for registration and make use of this free resource available here:

<https://ct.highfieldelearning.com>

## **SIGN UP FOR THE ACT APP**

**The ACT App, provides useful guidance on all aspects of protective security and is now being used for COVID-19 messaging in addition to CT specific messaging.**

1. Download the Urim app from the [Google Play](#) or [Apple Store](#) here.
2. Then email [ct@highfieldelearning.com](mailto:ct@highfieldelearning.com) to request a user name and password.

***Please note access is for business/professional use only.***

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### **Marauding Terrorist Attacks**

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 builds on the principles of RUN, HIDE, TELL published by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crowded-places-guidance/marauding-terrorist-attack-mta-run-hide-tell>

### **ACT Early**

CT Policing launched a new safeguarding website [actearly.uk](http://actearly.uk) for people worried someone might be vulnerable to radicalisation.

The website educates on :-

- Awareness of the signs of radicalisation
- Where to go for further information and support
- Understanding of, and confidence in, the referral process



If you're worried that someone you know is being radicalised, visit [actearly.uk](http://actearly.uk)

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