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It is important to raise awareness of counter terrorism within the community and as a Firearms Certificate Holder you can help by "Playing Your Part".

In recent years attack methods, other than those using explosive devices, have included using a vehicle as a weapon, knives and firearms, often coveted by extremists for their simple application, ease of access and reliability. Terrorist organisations have encouraged extremists to consider the use of firearms in attacks, through extremist publications, including websites and social media platforms. This highlights the need for us to maintain our strong links and continue to work together to keep everyone safe.

As a Firearms Certificate Holder, by following simple crime prevention advice you can make it difficult for terrorists or criminals to acquire firearms. As you go about your daily routines, please ensure you employ your security procedures whilst being conscious of those around you.

Please report any unusual/suspicious behaviour or signs of hostile reconnaissance by anyone who is:

- Loitering without an apparent legitimate purpose
- Taking an unusual or excessive interest in the layout of a building
- · Taking photographs of you/your property/vehicles etc
- Enquiring about or watching your routines/practices/procedures.

Always consider what you are posting on social media sites as this information can be used for criminal activities and please remain alert to the fact you may be befriended for criminal purposes.

Through the firearms arena you may see or hear something that could be a vital piece of information and could possibly prevent a crime or terrorist incident You can help us counter the terrorist threat by being vigilant and reporting suspicious behaviour by calling the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on **0800 789 321** or Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

By working together and "Playing Your Part" we can keep everyone safe.