

Police Scotland has a number of specially trained staff who performs the role of Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSA). Their role is to provide protective security advice to business and professionals to mitigate and prevent the effects of crime and terrorism.

CTSAs are able to provide briefings, awareness events and training courses, the content of which will not only assist you to improve security, business continuity, and provide Continuous Professional Development, but will also enhance your reaction and recovery to most unforeseen events.

Please take the opportunity to contact your local CTSA for further information.

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Alternatively dial 101 and ask to be put through to your local Counter Terrorism Security Advisor

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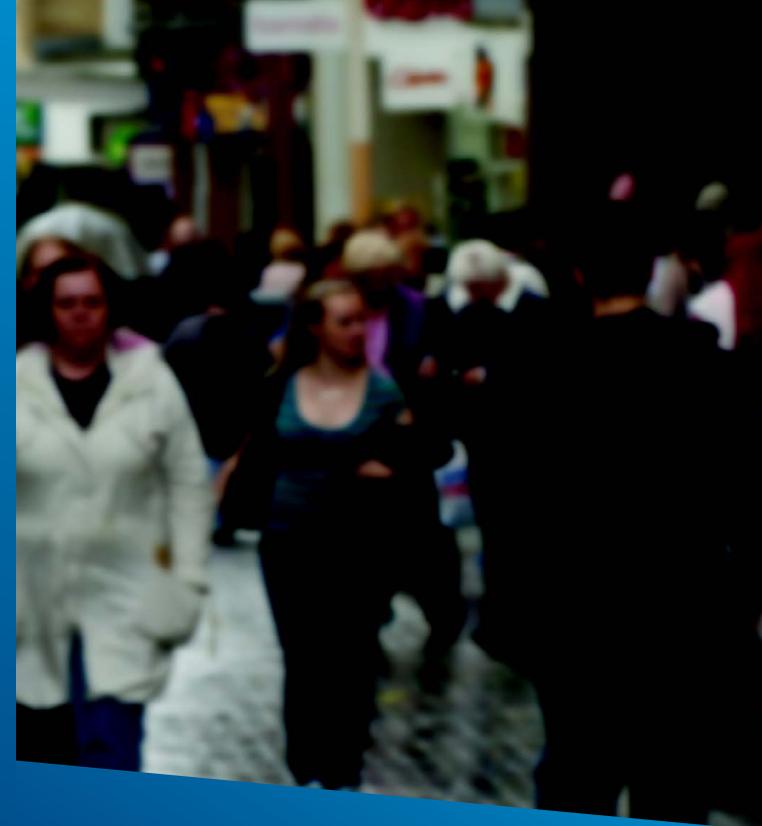
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Stay Safe

Firearm and weapon attacks



Firearm and weapon attacks

Attacks involving firearms and weapons are still infrequent but it is important to be prepared to cope with such an incident. The important advice below will help you plan. In the event of an attack take these four actions:

Stay Safe

- **Under immediate GUN FIRE** – Take cover initially, but leave the area as soon as possible if safe to do so.
- **Nearby GUN FIRE** - Leave the area immediately, if possible and it is safe to do so.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Do not congregate at evacuation points.

Cover from Gun Fire	Cover from View
Substantial Brickwork or Concrete	Internal Partition Walls
Engine blocks of motor vehicles	Car Doors
Base of large live trees	Wooden Fences
Earth banks/hills/mounds	Curtains

REMEMBER - out of sight does not necessarily mean out of danger, especially if you are not in 'cover from gun fire.'

IF YOU CAN'T ESCAPE - consider locking yourself and others in a room or cupboard. Barricade the door then stay away from it.

If possible choose a room where escape or further movement is possible. Silence any sources of noise, such as mobile phones, that may give away your presence.

See

The more information that you can pass to police the better but NEVER risk your own safety or that of others to gain it.

Consider using CCTV and other remote methods where possible to reduce the risk. If it is safe to do so, think about the following:

- Is it a firearms / weapons incident?
- Exact location of the incident.
- What else are they carrying?
- Number and description of gunmen.
- Moving in any particular direction?
- Type of firearm -long-barrelled or handgun.
- Are they communicating with others?
- Number of casualties / people in the area.

Tell

POLICE - contact them immediately by dialling 999 or via your control room, giving them the information shown under 'See'.

Use all the channels of communication available to you to inform staff, visitors, neighbouring premises, etc of the danger.

Act

- Secure your immediate environment and other vulnerable areas.
- Keep people out of public areas, such as corridors and foyers.
- Move away from the door and remain quiet until told otherwise by appropriate authorities or if you need to move for safety reasons, such as a building fire.

Armed Police

In the event of an attack involving firearms or weapons, a Police Officer's priority is to protect and save lives. Please remember:

- Initially they may not be able to distinguish you from the gunmen.

- Officers may be armed and may point guns at you.
- They may have to treat the public firmly. Follow their instructions; keep hands in the air / in view.
- Avoid quick movement towards the officers and pointing, screaming or shouting.

Plan

- Consider the following when planning for a firearms / weapons incident.
- How you would communicate with staff, visitors, neighbouring premises, etc.
- What key messages would you give to them in order to keep them safe.
- Have the ability to secure key parts of the building to hinder free movement of the gunmen.
- Think about incorporating this into your emergency planning and briefings.
- Test your plan at least annually.

Where can I get more information on dealing with a firearms or terrorist attack?

Project ARGUS is a **National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO)** initiative, exploring ways to aid you in preventing, handling and recovering from a terrorist attack and now covers a marauding firearms attack. It achieves this by taking businesses through a simulated terrorist attack which identifies the measures to take for preventing, handling and recovering from such an event. Terrorist methodology is constantly changing; the purpose of this document is to update previous attendees and those who are considering attending an ARGUS event.

Who can deliver this?

The events are delivered locally and free of charge by police, Counter Terrorism Security Advisors. If you wish to find out more about ARGUS or any of our other training events please contact us using the CTSA details provided or follow the links from www.nactso.gov.uk.