

Keeping Students Staff and Visitors Safe in College Protect Duty (Martyn's Law)

The UK's resilience to terrorism is to be increased, as the Government has announced details of the new Protect Duty, now to be known as 'Martyn's Law' in tribute of Martyn Hett, who was killed alongside 21 others in the Manchester Arena terrorist attack in 2017.

The new Duty will require all public venues including Colleges & Universities to take steps to improve public safety, with measures dependent on the size of the venue and the activity taking place. South Thames Colleges Group fully supports the implementation of this Duty and accepts its responsibility as an enhanced Duty holder.

As a responsible provider of education and as an employer, the South Thames Colleges Group is committed to providing a safe and secure environment in which to learn and work. Whether you are a Student, Member of Staff or Visitor to the Group's premises, your Health, Safety and Security is always our top priority. The Group is constantly reviewing and improving what we do, we have a framework of health, safety and security policies and arrangements in place, designed to keep people and premises safe and secure.

The Security measures we already have in place across our Colleges include:

- Appropriately qualified and mandatory trained security staff
- CCTV monitoring
- Access control systems
- Visible ID Policy
- Security management systems including Intruder Alarms
- 24 hour security monitoring
- Site perimeter protection and vehicle controls
- Health, safety and security risk assessments in place
- Regular search and screening procedures
- Evacuation and Invacuation plans
- Information, advice and training for staff and students on security and health and safety related matters.
- Regular attendance on our sites from uniformed and plain clothes police officers
- Data protection and cyber security measures
- Regular monitoring of national and local threat levels

What can you do?

Everyone has an important role to play in helping us all stay safe and secure by reporting anything that doesn't feel right, for example, unattended items or someone acting suspiciously. If something doesn't feel right. Report it. It's better to be safe. Improve your awareness by undertaking the Action Counters Terrorism E learning training <https://ct.highfieldelearning.com/?mode=select>

See it, say it, sorted:

- Tell our Security Team

- Report in confidence any suspicious activity at gov.uk/ACT or on 0800789321
- Call 999 in an emergency