

# SECURITY BULLETIN

FOR THE BRITISH JEWISH COMMUNITY

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## Current UK Threat Level Security Implications for the UK Jewish Community

The Government has raised the national UK Threat Level, stating: "The threat level from international terrorism has changed from substantial to severe which means it is highly likely that a terrorist attack could happen in London or elsewhere in the UK. However, there is no intelligence to suggest that an attack is imminent. We therefore continue to urge the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to police."

CST's specific threat assessment for the UK Jewish Community has remained at a high level in recent years, similar to that described as "severe" by the Government in its latest statement.

The Government's raising of the UK Threat Level does not seem to be linked to any intelligence relating to the UK Jewish Community, but CST notes that it does coincide, in part, with the release of an audio recording claiming to be from Osama bin Laden that includes references to Israel.

CST therefore advises all Jewish Community locations to ensure that they maintain the security precautions and procedures that they already have in place.

### Security Precautions

All locations are reminded to review and rehearse their security procedures, in particular 'evacuation' out of a building, or 'invacuation', to a secure room within a building, depending upon circumstance. CST also stresses the need to be aware of potentially suspicious behaviour in the vicinity of communal premises, and suggests the following actions:

- Be aware of your surroundings when arriving and leaving communal buildings
- Remember to keep all external doors secured while the building is in use
- Challenge and question all strangers and visitors to your building even if they are accompanied by someone you know
- Pay special attention to the security of those outside your location. If you spot a suspicious person, object, bag, package or vehicle, immediately instruct people to move away. Either disperse them or take them inside the safety of the building. Call the police on 999 and then CST without delay (see telephone numbers below)
- Try to prevent staff and visitors from congregating outside your building especially upon arrival and departure. Encourage people to disperse as quickly as possible, e.g. after services, at the end of the school day, or at the end of an event
- Ensure that all of your security equipment, alarm systems and CCTV equipment are working correctly. Check that lenses are cleaned and video equipment is recording

CST **remains** at its second highest level of alert and urges the community to report all antisemitic incidents and any suspicious activities immediately. This information will help CST and the Police to ensure that the community is able to conduct its activities in peace and comfort.

For security advice and guidance, or to report an incident,  
please contact CST on the following numbers

<b>London &amp; Southern Regions</b>	<b>020 8457 9999</b>
<b>Emergency Pager</b>	<b>07659 101 668</b>
<b>Manchester &amp; Northern Regions</b>	<b>0161 792 6666</b>
<b>Emergency Pager</b>	<b>0800 980 0668</b>

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL THE POLICE ON 999, THEN CALL CST  
General information is available on our website [www.thecst.org.uk](http://www.thecst.org.uk)