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What can you expect from Martyn's Law Regulation?

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Licensing

Voluntary approval scheme/ business licensing

Premises and Events

Individuals

Security Businesses

Places

Public protection

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What does Martyn's Law mean for me?

In-scope premises and events will be required to notify us that they are in scope of the T(POP)* Act

Standard tier	Premises with 200-799 individuals	Must have **procedures** in place to reduce the risk of harm from acts of terrorism
Enhanced tier	Premises with 800+ individuals and all qualifying events	Must have **procedures** in place, and must take **measures** to reduce risk and vulnerability to acts of terrorism, and documentation to support this

Procedures
Invacuation
Evacuation
Lock Down
Communications

Measures
Monitoring
Movement
Physical Security
Security of Information

*T(POP) = Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025

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Common misconceptions, let’s demystify

Notifying the SIA only tells us you're in scope, it does not confirm compliance

There will be no compliance ratings or certificates issued, although we may give tailored advice, including as part of an assessment or inspection

The Responsible Person cannot delegate their legal responsibility to someone else

Guidance and templates are there to help but will not give you pre-populated answers - every premises or event will need to apply the guidance to their own circumstances

There is no legal requirement to complete specified training under Martyn's Law

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Common misconceptions [cont.]

All premises, both the standard and enhanced tier, and qualifying events, can be inspected by the SIA

The SIA is the only body that can make compliance decisions about Martyn's Law

As an independent regulator, the SIA cannot endorse any third-party products offered by the private sector

Our approach will be proportionate, supportive and risk-based, but the SIA can take compliance and enforcement action where necessary.

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Our approach to regulation

Supportive

We will publish resources to help premises and events to comply

We may offer specific advice where we identify compliance concerns

Risk Based

We will gather intelligence to focus our resources where they will have the greatest impact

Every report will be logged, reviewed and used to inform our risk-based decisions

Proportionate

We will check compliance by assessing information and inspecting premises and events

We will only use enforcement powers – including financial penalties – when it's necessary and proportionate to do so

We will focus on whether those in scope have taken steps to comply

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MLR regulatory functions

Guidance & Review

Purpose of Function

To design, publish and maintain sources of regulatory guidance, engaging with and raising awareness amongst both the regulated community and key partners

Notifications

Purpose of Function

To enable those in the regulated community to notify MLR of their intent to comply with Martyn's Law, acting as the front door of the regulator to the regulated community

Intelligence & Reporting

Purpose of Function

To collate intelligence from different sources across the landscape, enabling the ongoing prioritisation and direction of MLR's regulatory activity through its regulatory functions

Assessment

Purpose of Function

To undertake assessment of the compliance of standard and enhanced tier premises / events via desk-based review and (where needed) engagement

Inspection

Purpose of Function

To prepare and undertake onsite inspections of standard and enhanced premises / events and determine compliance decisions to inform enforcement action

Enforcement & Advisory Support

Purpose of Function

To support the inspectorate workforce with capability to progress enforcement actions, as determined by compliance decisions

Supported by frameworks to assess risk, prioritise activity and decide on compliance

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How we will make compliance decisions

Basis of determining compliance

Has the responsible person met the **requirements of Martyn's Law**

When assessing procedures and measures, **keeping in mind the context of the premises or event**

The SIA will **seek to engage** with the responsible person before making a compliance decision

Where we identify non-compliance, action that we may take includes:

- Referring to **published guidance** or **providing regulatory advice**
- Recommend **obtaining advice** from a **security adviser** with suitable knowledge of protective security
- Our advice may include issuing a **written warning,** that failure to take suitable steps within a reasonable time may result in the **use of our enforcement powers**
- Where we consider that these actions are **unlikely to drive compliance** within a **reasonable timeframe**, we may make proportionate use of our **enforcement powers** including a **compliance notice, restriction notice, penalty notice and / or prosecution**

Where an SIA compliance decision leads directly to the use of a statutory notice, the person affected by the decision may make formal representations to the SIA before the notice takes effect

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What to know about our enforcement powers

Martyn's Law gives civil and criminal enforcement powers to the SIA. Our civil powers come in the form of three notices.

What does each notice mean?

Compliance notice

Requires a person to **comply with a specified relevant requirement within a specified period**; may also require the person to take particular steps and provide evidence of compliance with the notice

Restriction notice

Requires a person to **comply with specified prohibitions or restrictions** relating to **enhanced tier premises or a qualifying event**

Penalty notice

Requires a person to **pay a penalty of a specified amount** to the SIA within a specified period

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What's happening, and when?

There has been lots going on behind the scenes. This is some of what we have achieved and what is coming next. We **welcome your support** to help us get this right.

SINCE APRIL 2025

Design

- Built and tested the regulatory operating model
- Recruited key roles
- Consulted on our guidance

THROUGH 2026

Build

- Publishing information and resources for the regulated community
- Secondary legislation published
- Engagement with stakeholders across the sector
- Building and testing of the notification, assessment and inspection processes

FROM SPRING 2027

Implement

- Act's requirements come into force and the regulator "go live"
- In scope premises and events will notify and provide compliance documents (enhanced tier)
- SIA assessments and on-site inspections begin
- Work with stakeholders to refine our regulatory approach

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What you can expect from us

We are **developing practical documents** and tools to help those in scope understand what is expected and prepare for implementation.

Upcoming tools and useful documents

- **Guidance**:
  - Final section 12 guidance
  - “How to” guides and quick reference materials
- **Templates** to support standard tier and enhanced tier compliance
- **Tools** to support you in determining scope

Testing and refining

- User research and pilots testing our regulatory approach
- Testing of our digital notification portal and guidance products

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What you can do now

Understand Martyn's Law and what is required

Read the Home Office s.27 guidance and the SIA's draft s.12 guidance

Work out if you're in scope

Work out if your premises/event is in scope, what tier it is, and identify who your responsible person is

Use ProtectUK

Visit ProtectUK for more information and to use the available free resources

Get ready for go live

Take steps to comply and be ready for go live in Spring 2027

Help us get this right

Attend events like today… look out for more as they are advertised and volunteer to help us

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How you can help us get this right

The SIA is working with stakeholders to make Martyn's Law work in practice.

Volunteering opportunities:

1. Test our templates and guidance
2. Help develop our digital platform
3. Take part in pilot inspections

Scan the QR code to sign up for updates and register your interest to volunteer

For further information, visit:

- **SIA GOV.UK pages for monthly updates**
- **National Protective Security Authority website**
- **Protect UK website**

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Thank You