



Parliamentary briefing: Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill – Second Reading

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Summary

The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) welcomes the introduction of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, which has heightened awareness of the crucial role security and safety measures play in safeguarding venues and events. It is vital that everyone attending events is able to do so safely, with the confidence that they will return home unharmed.

CIEH is particularly encouraged by the Security Industry Authority (SIA)'s commitment to collaboration throughout the implementation of this legislation. As environmental health professionals are one of the principal enforcement bodies for the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the key legislation currently governing event safety in the UK, close cooperation in developing a robust regulatory framework and securing a new workforce will be essential to ensuring the successful and comprehensive protection of public events.

Key points

- CIEH consider themselves a key partner to the SIA, ready to share our member's key expertise in the management of safe events.
- Our members will work alongside SIA's workforce as key duty holders in the management of safe events and our close collaboration is essential to support enforcement and ensure compliance.
- Many of our members are the key representatives within businesses that will need to work alongside the SIA to understand and implement their new obligations. The development of this dedicated guidance will undoubtedly be strengthened by consultation with environmental health professionals.

Our recommendations

- **The SIA should work closely with the CIEH and our members who have key and long-standing expertise in the management of safe events.** Environmental health professionals play a key role in ensuring that events are conducted safely, working



alongside event organisers to develop comprehensive health and safety plans, ensuring regulatory compliance. They are a core part of the team of professionals that manage a variety of risks including oversight of safety management of the premises, safe access and egress, emergency response and evacuation plans, as well as crowd safety and production management.

- **The SIA collaborate with CIEH in the development of a new regulatory framework.** Environmental health professionals are one of the key enforcement bodies for the main piece of legislation currently used to manage event safety in the UK. It is essential that the SIA and CIEH collaborate as the new regulatory framework provided for by this legislation is developed. Environmental Health Professionals play a core role in reviewing licensing applications, evaluating health and safety plans, conducting site inspections and coordinating with other duty holders. Additionally, environmental health professionals in local government are well versed with managing the registering and licensing of premises in their local authorities. The CIEH and our members can act as a key source of information and expertise for the SIA and smaller premises as they deliver and comply with the Bill's requirement for all premises to register with the SIA as the new regulator.
- **CIEH and the SIA work closely together as duty holders in the event safety field.** Ensuring regulatory compliance and enforcement consistency is essential to not only maintain the smooth functioning of events, but to ensure public safety and health protection. Large-scale events carry numerous risks, some of which are all managed by different and various duty holders. Consistent enforcement ensures that all events are held to the same high safety standards.

Further information

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