

SECURITY BULLETIN

FOR THE BRITISH JEWISH COMMUNITY



8TH October 2023

This weekend saw Hamas launch a surprise terrorist attack on Israel from Gaza, killing hundreds of Israelis, wounding many more, and taking an unknown number of hostages.

The Hamas leadership has said this is only the start of their operation. In response, the Israeli government has declared a state of war and mobilised reserve forces.

Previous outbreaks of conflict in the Middle East have triggered a rise in antisemitic hate incidents across the UK, as well as demonstrations that sometimes include anti-Jewish and extremist chanting and placards, and spikes in hateful content on social media.

Security at communal locations should be vigilant and proactive in its approach. CST will continue to monitor the situation closely and we strongly urge the Jewish community to remain alert throughout the festival period and beyond.

If you witness anything suspicious, please report this to police on 999 IMMEDIATELY and then CST. If you experience antisemitism, please report to police on 999 (if urgent) / 101 (non-urgent) and then CST.

CST's 24-hour National Emergency Number is 0800 032 3263, please put this number in your contacts so it is available if you need it.

SECURITY REMINDERS

CST continues to ask members of the community and security personnel to:

- **Keep gates and doors closed at all times** and when open ensure they are guarded, so they can be closed quickly
- **Be alert for suspicious people and activities** including parked cars and unattended items
- **Engage with and challenge** (if it is safe to do so) and report suspicious people
- **Avoid congregating outside** communal buildings and events: please disperse quickly after leaving
- **Prevent 'tailgating'** – someone following close behind and attempting to gain access to the building when gates or doors are opened
- **Refresh your team's knowledge** of your emergency procedures, ensuring they are clear on what

For security advice and guidance, or to report an incident, please contact CST
National Emergency Number (24-hour) **0800 032 3263**

London & Southern Regions 020 8457 9999
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IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL THE POLICE ON 999, THEN CALL CST

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