

Virtual ACT Awareness Training

On the 22nd February the UK Government published its 'Guidance COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021' detailing a staged roadmap to coming out of lockdown. This presents an opportunity for businesses and communities in towns and cities to re-open and re-energise from 12th April 2021.

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has published a [press release](#) outlining the Government's support for businesses, hospitality and entertainment industries and previously, the easing of planning requirements for outdoor event and pavement licencing.

The changes include:

- Relaxation of planning rules to allow pubs and restaurants to operate as takeaways.
- Greater flexibility for land to be used for temporary events, such as markets and motorsports.
- Planning freedoms to allow outdoor markets, marquees, pop-up car-boot sales or summer fairs without the need of a planning application.

With the easing of restrictions and a summer where we may return to some kind of normality, it's important to remind ourselves that there are still some groups or individuals who may see this as an opportunity to cause us harm as we go about our daily business.

ACT Awareness is a facilitated awareness presentation to a general audience which is designed to raise awareness of the threat from terrorism and the actions that you can take to protect yourselves, others and your organisation from or during an attack.

Modules covered are:

- Introduction to Terrorism
- Current Threat
- Identifying and Responding to Suspicious Activity
- Identifying and Dealing with Suspicious Items
- Responding to a Firearms or Weapons Attack

Counter Terrorism Security Advisers from Counter Terrorism Policing South East will be delivering ACT Awareness Sessions over MS Teams in the coming months. These will be open sessions for you and your staff to dial into. It is not a mandatory requirement but please consider completing the ACT ELearning modules prior to the session. This will take around 45 minutes.

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The ACT Awareness sessions will last around 90 minutes and are delivered at absolutely no cost to you or your organisation.

14th May 2021 – 10:00 am

20th May 2021 – 13:30 am

To secure your place, please email details of the session of your choice, your name, role and email address to kim.mayo@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk and you will be sent the MS Teams link.