

# **MARTYN'S LAW: ACCESS CONTROL READINESS CHECKLIST**

A clear framework to help  
venues assess risk, close gaps,  
and prepare for enforcement.

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# Preparing for Martyn's Law: The Time to Act Is Now

As we await the final implementation of the Protect Duty (commonly known as Martyn's Law), organisations responsible for the safety of the public face a critical question: Are we truly prepared?

For stadiums, arenas, and other high-footfall venues, the coming legislation marks a significant shift - from guidance to obligation. That shift calls for not just awareness, but action.

At SimonsVoss, we're proud to support venues like Northampton Saints and Cambridge Trinity College, who have already put their trust in SimonsVoss to become more secure, better prepared for audits and ultimately, take better control of. These examples demonstrate that readiness is achievable - and impactful.

This checklist is designed to help you assess where your venue stands today, and what actions you might consider to prepare for tomorrow. Whether you're in facilities, operations, or security leadership, I hope this resource helps you begin or accelerate your journey toward compliance.



**If we can support  
you in reviewing  
your infrastructure  
or planning your  
next steps, we're  
here to help.**

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# Understanding Martyn's Law: A Call to Protect and Prepare

In May 2017, 22 people lost their lives in the Manchester Arena bombing, including 29-year-old Martyn Hett. Like thousands of others that night, Martyn was attending a live event - something millions do every year without expecting harm.

The tragedy exposed a painful truth: many public venues were unprepared for acts of terrorism, with limited planning, weak access control, and no obligation to have security measures in place.

Martyn's mother, Figen Murray, began a tireless campaign to ensure lessons were learned. That effort led to **Martyn's Law** - the UK's Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025.

The legislation received Royal Assent on April 3rd, 2025, with a 24-month implementation period before coming into force.



## What Is Martyn's Law?

Martyn's Law introduces a **legal duty** for venue operators and event organisers to assess terrorism risks and take proportionate steps to protect the public.

It reinforces a simple principle: **security should not be optional** - it should be a standard, consistent part of managing any venue where large groups gather.

The law applies to **stadiums, arenas, theatres, shopping centres, universities, museums**, and other premises or events with **200+ capacity**.

## Why It Matters Now

The threat of terrorism in the UK remains substantial. Recent incidents show that venues without clear plans or digital infrastructure face serious **physical, legal, and reputational risks**.

Martyn's Law turns guidance into **obligation**, placing formal requirements on duty holders and closing the gap between awareness and action.

Its objective is clear:

To ensure that the tragic loss of life at the Manchester Arena, and other public spaces before and since, is not repeated through inaction or lack of preparation.

# Implementing Martyn's Law: What It Means for You

Martyn's Law divides premises and events into two tiers:

## ■ STANDARD TIER (200–799 PEOPLE)

- Conduct a terrorism risk assessment
- Implement basic protective measures
- Train staff in emergency response protocols

## ■ ENHANCED TIER (800+ PEOPLE)

- Appoint a Senior Individual responsible for compliance
- Implement additional, practical security measures (e.g. digital access control, surveillance, perimeter checks)
- Maintain written documentation and review procedures regularly

These requirements are **proportionate** - designed to help all venues take achievable, life-saving steps.

## Who Needs to Act?

An estimated **178,000 UK premises** fall under Martyn's Law, including:

- Stadiums and sports clubs
- Arenas and entertainment venues
- Educational campuses
- Places of worship
- Leisure and retail centres
- Civic and council-owned spaces

Each responsible organisation must take ownership of compliance — not just having a plan, but **demonstrating** it through training, systems, and documentation.

## What This Means for You

If your venue or event:

- Welcomes the public regularly,
- Operates in a crowded or high-risk environment, or
- Relies on legacy or manual security systems,

.....then you are likely within the scope of Martyn's Law.

This is not about fear - it's about **responsibility** to your staff, visitors, and community.

## How We Can Help

At SimonsVoss, we understand that physical infrastructure plays a vital role in preparedness. This document was developed not to promote a product, but to **help you understand your responsibilities and support your readiness journey.**

Together with our integration partners, we can help you:

- Assess your current access control readiness
- Identify vulnerabilities in monitoring and response
- Implement scalable, integrated systems that enhance public safety

The time to act is now — not when legislation is enforced, but before the next crowd arrives at your doors.

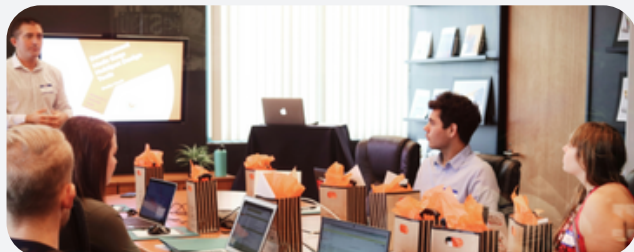
# Readiness Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide to identify gaps in your venue's preparedness and prioritise improvements.



## Access Control & Physical Security

- **Controlled access to non-public zones:** Protect staff-only and sensitive areas with physical or digital access controls to prevent unauthorised entry and reduce internal risk.
- **Access restrictions by role, time & location:** Set permissions by job role, approved hours, and zones so only authorised personnel access the right areas at the right times.
- **Remote lockdown capability:** Allow authorised staff to remotely lock doors or zones during threats to isolate risk and protect the public.
- **Access audit trails:** Keep timestamped logs showing who accessed which areas and when to support investigations and compliance.



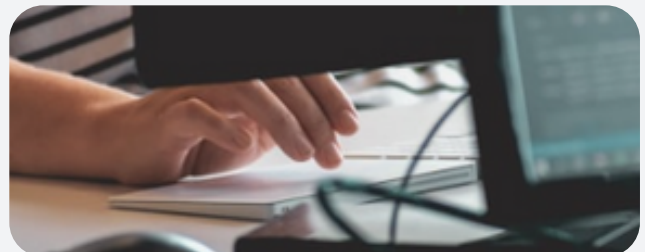
## Staff Training & Operational Response

- **Trained in lockdown & evacuation protocols:** All personnel must understand their roles, routes, and responsibilities during emergencies.
- **Clear procedures for all threat levels:** Maintain plans for incidents such as suspicious packages, armed threats, or evacuations, with defined roles and communication flows.
- **Regular drills:** Conduct real-time tests to build confidence, identify gaps, and improve readiness.
- **Reviewed response plans:** Update documentation annually or after incidents to reflect current systems, threats, and staffing.



## Surveillance & Monitoring

- **CCTV across critical access points:** Maintain coverage at all entrances, exits, and sensitive back-of-house areas for threat detection and verification.
- **Integrated video & access logs:** Link CCTV footage with access events for fast review of breaches or suspicious activity.
- **Automated alerts for unusual behaviour:** Enable systems to flag tailgating, forced entry, or other risks so teams can act proactively.
- **Quick evidence retrieval:** Ensure relevant footage and logs can be accessed immediately for investigations and reporting.



## Policy & Compliance Preparedness

- **Annual terrorism risk assessment:** Conduct a Protect Duty-aligned review to identify vulnerabilities and mitigation measures.
- **Inclusive access control policy:** Apply security protocols to contractors, vendors, and temporary staff — no exceptions.
- **Designated compliance lead/team:** Assign responsibility for Martyn's Law compliance, training coordination, and documentation.
- **Protect Duty readiness plan:** Prepare now by developing an action plan, sourcing solutions, and closing known gaps.



*This checklist is intended as a guide only and does not constitute legal advice. We recommend consulting a security compliance company such as ProtectUK or SIA Regulation Advice to support a comprehensive review.*



## ABOUT US

# Smart, Scalable Access Control for Public Safety

SimonsVoss is a leading provider of digital, wireless access control systems trusted by major stadiums, campuses, and critical infrastructure sites across the UK and Europe.

Our systems support venues in strengthening physical security and access control, simplifying operations, and responding swiftly in emergencies -- all while helping you meet compliance and legislative demands like Martyn's Law.

With remote lockdown capability, user-level access control, and seamless zone-based configuration, SimonsVoss solutions are designed for high-footfall, high-responsibility environments.

## Integrations

To provide you with a fully compliant solution, our SmartIntego products integrate seamlessly with trusted third-party providers to deliver:

-  CCTV Integration
-  Audit Trail Functionality
-  Instant Lockdown Capability
-  Building Management Systems (BMS) Integration
-  Video Management Systems (VMS) Integration
-  Physical Security Operations Support

## Why SimonsVoss?

- Proven partner of venues like **Northampton Saints, Trinity College (Cambridge)**
- Scalable from single buildings to complex estates
- Real-time access data for incident response
- Built-in flexibility for emergency lockdowns

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## Book a Consultation

Speak with our security specialists for a personalised assessment of your facility's needs. We'll guide you through how SimonsVoss solutions can enhance your operations.

**Schedule Your Free Consultation**



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## This is SimonsVoss

SimonsVoss is the pioneer of digital, cable-free locking technology, delivering system solutions for SOHOs, SMEs, major enterprises, and public institutions. Our digital locking systems combine intelligent functionality, high quality, and award-winning design — all engineered and built in Germany.

As an innovative system provider, SimonsVoss focuses on scalability, high security, reliable components, powerful software, and simple, intuitive operation. This approach has established SimonsVoss as a technology leader in digital locking systems. Our success is driven by a commitment to innovation, long-term thinking, and genuine appreciation for our employees and partners.

SimonsVoss is part of the Allegion Group, a globally active security network operating in around 130 countries worldwide.

## Made in Germany

We remain fully committed to Germany as a manufacturing location - every SimonsVoss product is developed and produced exclusively in Germany.

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