



## Stay Safe

### Terrorist Firearms and Weapons Attack

Firearms and Weapons attacks are rare in the UK.

The UK Government's **STAY SAFE** principles tell you some simple actions to consider at an incident and the information that armed officers may need in the event of a weapons or firearm attack:

#### Run

- Escape if you can
- Consider the safest options
- Is there a safe route? if not **HIDE**
- Can you get there without exposing yourself to greater danger?
- Insist others leave with you
- Leave belongings behind

#### Hide

- If you cannot **RUN**, then **HIDE**
- Find cover from gunfire
- If you can see the attacker, they may be able to see you
- Cover from view does not mean you are safe, bullets go through glass, brick, wood and metal
- Find cover from gunfire e.g. substantial brickwork / heavy reinforced walls
- Be aware of your exits
- Try not to get trapped
- Be quiet, silence your phone and turn off vibrate
- Lock / barricade yourself in
- Move away from the door



## Tell

Call **999**

What do the police need to know?

If you cannot speak or make a noise listen to the instructions given to you by the call taker

- Location - Where are the suspects?
- Direction - Where did you last see the suspects?
- Descriptions – Describe the attacker, numbers, features, clothing, weapons etc.
- Further information – Casualties, type of injury, building information, entrances, exits, hostages etc.
- Stop other people entering the building if it is safe to do so

## Armed Police Response

- Follow officers' instructions
- Remain calm
- Move to a safer area if you can
- Avoid sudden movements that may be considered a threat
- Keep your hands in view

### Officers May:

- Point guns at you
- Treat you firmly
- Question you
- Be unable to distinguish you from the attacker
- Officers will evacuate you when it is safe to do so

**More information** can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/recognising-the-terrorist-threat/recognising-the-terrorist-threat>

