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## National Operational Guidance: Planned review

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Marauding terrorist firearms attack (MTFA)
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<b>Change requested</b>
<p>Each section of National Operational Guidance is reviewed on a routine basis. The current <i>National Operational Guidance for Marauding terrorist firearms attack (MTFA)</i> was published in August 2017. The then Office for Security and Counter Terrorism (now Homeland Security) determined that this publication should have a restricted status, so it is only available on ResilienceDirect.</p> <p>Since then, the supporting <i>Marauding Terrorist Attack Joint Operating Principles (MTA JOPs) Edition 2</i> have been updated and were published in December 2020.</p> <p>Interim National Operational Guidance for non-specialist personnel inadvertently attending an MTA is temporarily published within the Operations guidance. However, when this reviewed guidance is published, the refined interim hazard and control measure will be included with the main publication and will be removed from the Operations guidance.</p> <p>Under consideration of the latest National Risk Register, which is derived from the National Security Risk Assessment, the proposal is for this National Operational Guidance to be renamed <i>Terrorist attacks</i>. However, an explanation in the introduction of the guidance will explain that it applies to static and marauding terrorist attacks, and could be applied to other forms of malicious attacks. MTA forms a subset of terrorist attacks and, certainly in the first stages of an attack, it may be difficult to determine the nature and motivation of the attack.</p> <p>As this revised National Operational Guidance will apply to all personnel, the guidance needs to be delivered in a format to make it suitable to publish as unrestricted content. The draft guidance will be accompanied by a draft training specification when seeking approval for publication.</p> <p>Because the baseline version of the MTFA guidance was restricted, it has not been possible to produce a draft with tracked changes, as this would have restricted consultation and review of the updated content.</p> <p>Guidance and training for specialist responding personnel will be delivered through a restricted <i>Concept of Operations for MTA</i> publication, which will be published separately and securely.</p>

The accompanying training specification will be developed after consultation of the guidance is complete.	
<b>Changes proposed</b>	<b>Rationale for change</b>
Renaming of guidance from <i>Marauding terrorist firearms attack</i> to <i>Terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To apply the categorisation used in the National Risk Register and the National Security Risk Assessment</li> <li>• To encompass terrorist attacks that may be static or marauding</li> <li>• To ensure the guidance can be adapted to malicious attacks that are not terrorist-related</li> </ul>
The draft guidance is for non-specialist frontline personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enable the guidance to be published as open reference material on the ukfrs.com website</li> <li>• Guidance for specialist MTA personnel will be contained in a separate <i>Concept of Operations for MTA</i>, which will be published securely</li> </ul>
The draft training specification is for non-specialist frontline personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enable the training specification to be published as open reference material on the ukfrs.com website</li> <li>• Training for specialist MTA personnel will be published separately and securely</li> </ul>
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<b>Impacts on other National Operational Guidance products</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations – removal of the interim guidance for <i>Non-specialist personnel inadvertently attending a marauding terrorist attack</i></li> </ul>	



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# Terrorist attacks

(review of Marauding terrorist firearms attack guidance)

The link to the consultation survey is

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TA-C2022/>

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# 1 Introduction

2 Following a terrorist attack, or marauding terrorist attack (MTA), the overarching aim of the emergency  
3 services is to provide a co-ordinated response that will:

- 4 • Save life by:
  - 5 ○ Neutralising the threat
  - 6 ○ Delivering emergency medical care
  - 7 ○ Rescuing or removing casualties and survivors
- 8 • Deal with fires and other hazards
- 9 • Manage a return to normality as soon as practicable

10 The focus of this guidance is on the direct impact of attacks on involved members of the public and how  
11 the fire and rescue service can respond. Attacks may occur at any publicly accessible locations,  
12 including transport networks.

13 Especially in the early stages of an incident, it may be difficult to determine the nature and motivation of  
14 an attack, or even to confirm whether it is an intentional or accidental event. It is critical that any attempts  
15 to classify the incident do not prevent or delay an appropriate multi-agency emergency response.

## 16 Structure of guidance for terrorist attacks

17 1. The primary source of guidance is the JESIP publication, *Responding to a marauding terrorist*  
18 *attack: Joint operating principles for the emergency services, Edition 2, December 2020 (MTA*  
19 *JOPs)*. The JOPs are designed to assist the emergency services in delivering an effective and  
20 co-ordinated multi-agency response to an MTA.

21 The JOPs publication belongs to the Counter Terrorism Police, backed by the National Fire  
22 Chiefs Council (NFCC), the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE) and the National  
23 Police Chiefs Council (NPCC). It is published as 'Official – Sensitive'.

24 2. This guidance contains the fire and rescue service content that is relevant to all operational and  
25 fire control personnel. The guidance belongs to the NFCC and is unrestricted.

26 3. The *Concept of Operations for MTA* provides procedural and training content for specialist MTA  
27 responding personnel. The guidance belongs to National Resilience, part of the NFCC, and is  
28 published as 'Official – Sensitive'.

## 29 Preparedness for operational activity

30 Fire and rescue services should consider the strategic-level guidance contained in [Corporate guidance](#)  
31 [for operational activity](#) when preparing for a response to terrorist attacks.

32 Relevant operational and fire control personnel should have an appropriate level of understanding of the  
33 JESIP principles, and how to apply them. The principles are:

- 34 • Co-locate
- 35 • Communicate
- 36 • Co-ordinate
- 37 • Jointly understand risk

- 38
- Shared situational awareness

39 **Intraoperability and interoperability**

40 Terrorist attacks will always require a multi-agency response and will often require cross-border  
41 assistance. For more information refer to:

- 42
- [Incident command – Intraoperability and interoperability](#)
  - [Operations – Communication to support intraoperability and interoperability](#)
- 43

44 Intraoperability and interoperability are heavily reliant on emergency responders being co-located; this is  
45 one of the JESIP principles. There are many benefits of co-location, such as improved communication  
46 and understanding that support joint working. With the use of technology, co-location can be virtual, at  
47 least initially, to prevent delays in joint working and decision-making. However, the co-location of  
48 responders should occur as soon as reasonably practicable.

49 Fire and rescue services should understand how national frameworks and mutual aid arrangements can  
50 support the local, regional or national response to terrorist attacks.

51 **Learning**

52 The lessons identified from terrorist attacks, or from training and exercises for such incidents, need to be  
53 methodically captured, preferably while events are fresh in the minds of those involved.

54 All debriefs should involve the full range of operational and fire control personnel, to ensure the lessons  
55 identified are captured from every aspect of the response. For more information refer to [Incident  
56 command – Hold debriefing or post-incident reviews](#).

57 Fire and rescue services should consider sharing learning from incidents, training and exercises. This  
58 may be within the service to improve their own policies, procedures and training, or through the National  
59 Operational Learning process. For more information refer to [Corporate guidance for operational activity –  
60 Operational learning](#).

61 Lessons from multi-agency incidents should be captured and uploaded to [Joint Organisational Learning](#)  
62 (JOL Online). JOL should also be used to capture notable practice; this is where emergency responders  
63 have found and wish to share a solution that works well to address an interoperability issue

64 **Risk management plan**

65 Each fire and rescue authority must develop their strategic direction through their risk management plan.  
66 To determine the extent of their services, strategic managers will consider their statutory duties and the  
67 foreseeable risk within their area.

68 Work to identify risk and prepare operational plans should consider all stakeholders, including local  
69 emergency planning groups and the fire and rescue service risk management plan.

70 **Responsibility of fire and rescue services**

71 Fire and rescue services are responsible, under legislation and regulations, for developing policies and  
72 procedures and to provide information, instruction, training and supervision to their personnel about  
73 foreseeable hazards and the control measures used to mitigate the risks arising from those hazards.

74 This guidance sets out to provide fire and rescue services with sufficient knowledge about the potential  
75 hazards their personnel could encounter when attending suspected or confirmed terrorist attack

76 incidents. Fire and rescue services should ensure their policies, procedures and training cover all of the  
77 hazards and control measures contained in this guidance.

## 78 **Public disorder**

79 The impacts of terrorist attacks on the public and personnel may be similar to those of public disorder,  
80 which can involve the use of weapons, objects and incendiary devices. For more information refer to  
81 [Operations – Public order](#).

## 82 **Physical hazards**

83 Personnel deployed to a terrorist attack may be subject to a variety of physical hazards, including:

- 84 • The actions of attackers, including their use of conventional or improvised weapons
- 85 • The impact of wearing enhanced levels of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- 86 • Noise, such as from crowds of people, activated alarms or police activity
- 87 • Manual handling when rescuing or removing casualties and survivors
- 88 • The presence of body fluids

89 For more information refer to:

- 90 • [Operations – Physiological stress](#)
- 91 • [Operations – Heat illness in personnel](#)
- 92 • [Operations - Noise](#)
- 93 • [Operations – Manual handling](#)
- 94 • [Operations – Infectious diseases](#)

## 95 **Psychological hazards**

96 The psychological hazards experienced by personnel when attending or monitoring a terrorist attack  
97 should be considered when carrying out risk assessments or developing a tactical plan. For more  
98 information refer to:

- 99 • [Operations – Psychological hazards](#)

## 100 **Hazard – Non-specialist personnel inadvertently attending terrorist attacks**

### 101 *HAZARD KNOWLEDGE*

102 Terrorist attacks, including marauding terrorist attacks (MTA), can be fast-moving, violent incidents  
103 where attackers aim to find and kill or injure as many people as possible; they usually occur without any  
104 notice or warning but may be planned. An attack, including a terrorist attack or an MTA, may be random  
105 or aimed at specific groups, for example relating to race or religious beliefs. Attacks may be planned or  
106 spontaneous events.

107 During the initial stages of an ongoing attack, it is possible that personnel arrive on-scene in the belief  
108 that they have been mobilised to a non-malicious incident, which could result in their injury or death  
109 unless appropriate control measures are applied.

110 An attack may include a wide range or combination of methodologies, from lower sophistication to higher  
111 complexity attacks. This could involve one or more of the following attack methodologies:

- 112 • Bladed weapon
- 113 • Vehicle as a weapon
- 114 • Fire as a weapon
- 115 • Improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or grenades
- 116 • Firearms
- 117 • Siege, including the taking of hostages to prolong an attack or impede rescue operations
- 118 • Chemicals, such as acids or alkalis

119 Terrorist attacks, including MTA, may include a combination of approaches, such as:

- 120 • A lone attacker, multiple attackers or multiple groups of attackers
- 121 • Arrival at a location on foot, in a vehicle or an attack perpetrated by location insiders
- 122 • Entering a location without using force, or forcing entry using an IED, a vehicle, coercion of  
123 someone with access to the location, or a combination of these actions

124 In the initial stages of an ongoing attack, it will be extremely difficult to get an accurate picture of what is  
125 happening. It may take some time to confirm that the incident is a determined attack involving single or  
126 multiple attackers.

127 It may be difficult to determine the location and number of attackers, or even to determine who they are  
128 in a crowd of people. It is feasible that the emergency services have been purposefully lured to the  
129 location as targets for the attackers.

130 Although initial attending personnel may have been trained to respond to an ongoing terrorist attack or  
131 MTA, they may not be carrying or wearing the appropriate equipment, including enhanced levels of  
132 personal protective equipment (PPE).



## 133 **Control measure – Apply Stay Safe principles for terrorist attacks**

### 134 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

135 If initial attending personnel inadvertently attend an ongoing suspected terrorist attack or marauding  
136 terrorist attack (MTA), an appropriate risk assessment should be carried out to determine the tactical  
137 mode for initial attending personnel. This should be based on:

- 138 • The attack methodologies
- 139 • The presence and number of attackers or terrorists
- 140 • The presence and number of people, including casualties
- 141 • The presence or imminent arrival of specialist support

142 For more information refer to [Incident command – Select the tactical mode](#).

143 If the risk assessment determines it is safe to do so, initial attending personnel who have not received  
144 specialist training, or who are not wearing enhanced levels of personal protective equipment (PPE),  
145 should not delay rescuing casualties or carrying out life-saving activities.

146 However, if the risk assessment determines the need to adopt a defensive mode of operation, initial  
147 attending personnel may need to withdraw to a place of safety and notify the fire control room of their  
148 location. In this situation, they should consider if they can assist casualties as they leave the hazard  
149 area, including the removal of casualties who are unable to walk. This will need to be a dynamic  
150 decision, based on the nature of the threat and an assessment of risks versus benefits, and may take  
151 place before zones are established.

152 If there are other emergency services in attendance, the incident commander should attempt to liaise  
153 with them to determine if they suspect or know that the incident is a terrorist attack or MTA.

154 Initial attending personnel should consider their own safety and that of other emergency responders and  
155 the public when applying the [JESIP 'STAY SAFE' principles for non-specialist responders](#), in order to:

- 156 • See
- 157 • Tell
- 158 • Act

159 The 'Tell' element of the principles includes communicating with the fire control room, ideally using the  
160 [JESIP M/ETHANE model](#) to provide information about the incident. This will enable the fire control room  
161 to:

- 162 • Appropriately control further mobilisation to the incident
- 163 • Relay the M/ETHANE information to the police
- 164 • Gain an understanding of the numbers and location of personnel involved in the incident
- 165 • Contact the duty National Inter-agency Liaison Officer (NILO), or equivalent as detailed in service  
166 policies

167 As the police will assume overall control of a terrorist attack or an MTA, personnel should follow any  
168 advice or instructions provided by the police, either via the fire control room or from on-scene police  
169 officers.

170 The fire control room should determine if any personnel are en route to or attending other incidents in the  
171 area, who could become involved. If so, they should immediately notify the commanders of those  
172 incidents so that they can consider using alternative access or egress routes to avoid the suspected  
173 terrorist attack or MTA.

174 The fire control room should keep commanders of other nearby incidents updated, so that they can  
175 determine the necessity to carry out a tactical withdrawal of personnel.

176 The fire control room should also notify the police about any fire and rescue service resources that are  
177 en route to or attending other incidents in the area.

178 If safe to do so, personnel should encourage other people to follow the [Action Counters Terrorism \(ACT\)](#)  
179 [‘Advice To Stay Safe’](#) to:

- 180 • **Run** to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there’s  
181 nowhere to go then...
- 182 • It’s better to **hide** than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate.  
183 Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it’s safe to do so...
- 184 • **Tell** the police by calling 999

#### 185 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

186 Fire and rescue services should:

- 187 • Ensure that all operational and fire control personnel have access to the current JESIP ‘STAY  
188 SAFE’ principles for non-specialist responders
- 189 • Ensure that all operational and fire control personnel have access to the current Action Counters  
190 Terrorism ‘Advice To Stay Safe’
- 191 • Consider participating in multi-agency training and exercises for terrorist attacks and marauding  
192 terrorist attacks

#### 193 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

194 All personnel should:

- 195 • Immediately notify the incident commander or the fire control room if they suspect the incident is  
196 an ongoing terrorist attack or MTA
- 197 • Prioritise the rescue of casualties and carrying out life-saving activities, if safe to do so at a  
198 suspected ongoing terrorist attack or MTA
- 199 • Consider withdrawing to a place of safety and notifying the fire control room of their location if  
200 their safety is immediately threatened by a suspected ongoing terrorist attack or MTA
- 201 • Consider assisting casualties of the suspected ongoing terrorist attack or MTA as they leave the  
202 hazard area, based on the nature of the threat and an assessment of risks versus benefits
- 203 • Consider their own safety and that of other emergency responders and the public when applying  
204 the JESIP ‘STAY SAFE’ principles for non-specialist responders during a suspected ongoing  
205 terrorist attack or MTA
- 206 • If safe to do so, encourage other people to follow the Action Counters Terrorism ‘Advice To Stay  
207 Safe’ during a suspected ongoing terrorist attack or MTA

- 208 • Follow any advice or instructions provided by the police, either via the fire control room or by on-  
209 scene police officers during a suspected ongoing terrorist attack or MTA

210 Incident commanders should:

- 211 • Carry out an appropriate risk assessment to determine the tactical mode for initial attending  
212 personnel inadvertently attending a suspected ongoing terrorist attack or MTA
- 213 • Attempt to liaise with other emergency services in attendance to determine if they suspect or  
214 know that the incident is a terrorist attack or MTA

215 Fire control personnel should:

- 216 • Appropriately control further mobilisation to the incident during a suspected terrorist attack or  
217 MTA
- 218 • Relay M/ETHANE messages to the other emergency service control rooms about a suspected  
219 terrorist attack or MTA
- 220 • Gather information about the numbers and location of personnel involved in a suspected terrorist  
221 attack or MTA
- 222 • Contact the duty National Inter-agency Liaison Officer (NILO), or equivalent as detailed in service  
223 policies, about a suspected terrorist attack or MTA
- 224 • Relay advice or instructions provided by the police to the on-scene incident commander about a  
225 suspected terrorist attack or MTA
- 226 • Notify commanders en route to or attending nearby incidents about a suspected terrorist attack or  
227 MTA and its location
- 228 • Make the police aware of fire and rescue service resources that are en route to or attending  
229 nearby incidents during a suspected terrorist attack or MTA

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## 230 **Hazard – Terrorist attacks**

### 231 *HAZARD KNOWLEDGE*

232 Especially in the early stages of an incident, it may be difficult to determine the nature and motivation of  
233 an attack, or even to confirm whether it is intentional or accidental. It is critical that any attempts to  
234 classify the incident do not prevent or delay an appropriate multi-agency emergency response.

235 The current *Responding to a marauding terrorist attack: Joint operating principles for the emergency*  
236 *services* (MTA JOPS) allows for the possibility of specialist or non-specialist emergency responders  
237 needing to be deployed into the hot zone. However, it should be recognised that there will potentially be  
238 high risks associated with this deployment. This risk may be somewhat mitigated if armed police officers  
239 are available to escort emergency responders, but their attendance cannot be guaranteed.

### 240 **Marauding terrorist attacks**

241 A marauding terrorist attack (MTA) may involve one or more attackers or terrorists attacking people in  
242 their vicinity, and then deliberately searching for more victims by moving around buildings or other  
243 populated areas. There may be attacks at multiple sites, potentially with a time gap, which may not  
244 appear to be linked. Attackers may also search for victims without moving, for example by discharging a  
245 firearm from a vantage point into a public place.

246 Any agency can declare a suspected terrorist attack or major incident. However, only the police can  
247 formally declare a terrorist attack or MTA. This declaration is designed to inform and prepare other  
248 emergency services about the incident and initiate a multi-agency response. An MTA is likely to be  
249 declared as a major incident for one or more of the emergency services.

250 The declaration of an MTA may indicate that:

- 251 • Emergency service partners are required, including mobilisation of their specialist responders
- 252 • Regional or national armed resources or specialist military assets may need to be mobilised
- 253 • National Counter Terrorism Policing network and partners will be required
- 254 • Fire National Resilience assets may be required

### 255 **Terrorist attacks**

256 The police may not need to declare a terrorist attack as an MTA if the incident can be effectively dealt  
257 with under 'business as usual' arrangements. This could be the case if, for example, the threat is not  
258 ongoing. However, the police should still share relevant information with the other emergency services,  
259 using a M/ETHANE message to inform shared situational awareness. Terrorist attacks will usually  
260 require an appropriate multi-agency response.

### 261 **Malicious attacks**

262 If a malicious attack is determined to not be terrorist-related, the police should adjust their declaration of  
263 an MTA and inform other emergency services. However, this change of declaration may not change the  
264 level of multi-agency response that is required for the incident.

## 265 **Control measure – Multi-agency response to terrorist attacks**

### 266 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

#### 267 **JESIP principles**

268 The response to all multi-agency incidents should be based on the JESIP principles; these are essential  
269 as the foundation for responding to a terrorist attack. The exact response will be determined by the type  
270 and scale of the attack.

271 M/ETHANE messages should always be used to share information as they provide a common structure  
272 for on-scene responders and control rooms. The initial M/ETHANE message from on-scene responders,  
273 who may be unaware of the nature of the incident, will provide an early scene assessment. This should  
274 be used by incident commanders to co-ordinate an effective response.

275 Effective response arrangements and decision-making are underpinned by the JESIP principles for joint  
276 working, as defined in the JESIP [Joint Doctrine: The Interoperability Framework](#). Joint decision-making  
277 should use the Joint Decision Model (JDM).

#### 278 **Identification and declaration of a marauding terrorist attack**

279 Any emergency service can report a suspected terrorist attack or marauding terrorist attack (MTA) to the  
280 police. Taking this step should include the immediate sharing of all relevant information with other  
281 emergency service control rooms.

282 When the police declare that the incident is an MTA, they should immediately share this classification  
283 with other emergency services. Any delay in making or sharing an MTA declaration will affect the speed  
284 and effectiveness of an appropriate response.

285 The declaration of an MTA should include details about the attack methodology used, threatened or  
286 suspected. This essential information needs to be communicated to all emergency services to ensure  
287 there is appropriate and proportionate mobilisation of responders, as well as a joint understanding of risk  
288 and shared situational awareness.

289 Indications that a terrorist attack or marauding terrorist attack is occurring may include:

- 290 • Reports of terrorist attack methodologies being used or threatened:
  - 291 ○ As multiple calls into control rooms
  - 292 ○ Through social media surges
  - 293 ○ At iconic sites
  - 294 ○ In crowded buildings or places
  - 295 ○ Against famous people
  - 296 ○ Against security staff, military personnel or emergency responders
- 297 • Attackers shouting religious or ideological slogans
- 298 • Attackers actively and deliberately seeking out new victims
- 299 • Multiple sites of attack:
  - 300 ○ Simultaneously
  - 301 ○ In quick succession

- Over a more extended period of time

## Responsibilities of agencies

The police will lead on the overall response to a terrorist attack or MTA; they will deploy appropriate resources to identify, locate and confront the threat. The police will retain overall responsibility for co-ordinating the multi-agency response, but each agency retains the responsibility to deliver their statutory duty.

Normally the police response will be that of a 'Home Office police force'. However, if an attack takes place in the operating environment of a 'non-Home Office police force', they will take an active role in responding to the incident and may have primacy. These forces include:

- British Transport Police (BTP)
- Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC)
- Ministry of Defence Police (MDP)

The fire and rescue service will retain lead responsibility for their core functions, such as firefighting, rescue and hazard management activities, as a result of a terrorist attack or MTA. The fire and rescue service may need to provide resources and equipment to deal with these core functions. For more information refer to [Fires and other hazards: Terrorist attack](#).

The fire and rescue service may be required to assist the ambulance service with casualty management; this includes the treatment, removal or transfer of casualties who have been injured in the attack. For more information refer to [Casualty care: Terrorist attacks](#).

It is foreseeable that the fire and rescue service may be required to carry out their core functions and casualty management at the same time. If this is the case, the on-scene commanders will need to agree priorities, based on available information and the primary aim to save life.

**National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs)** undergo training that enables them to act in a command or tactical adviser role for terrorist attacks, MTAs or other counter terrorism events. All NILOs have national security vetting at a minimum of Security Check (SC) level. The NILO network is aligned with UK Counter Terrorism Policing, with dedicated NILOs attached to each region.

The ambulance service retains the lead responsibility for casualty management at a terrorist attack or MTA. The priority is the rapid deployment of emergency responders, to provide immediate life-saving intervention to as many casualties as possible, within the shortest possible time. The aim is to maximise casualty survival until definitive care can be provided.

## Mobilisation

The multi-agency response should reflect the attack methodology and the threat. It should consider the need for specialist and non-specialist responders, and the time it will take to mobilise them to the incident.

In preparation for such incidents, all emergency services should identify and appoint appropriately trained and equipped responders, with well-rehearsed plans, to carry out key command and support functions.

## Communication

As a priority, the police will instigate the pre-planned tri-service communication link between the emergency service control rooms. The link should be kept open and resourced appropriately for the

342 duration of the incident; it should not be terminated until all parties agree that it is appropriate to do so.  
343 This line of communication should be resilient, with its use being practiced and tested regularly.

344 All communication between agencies should be free from acronyms and use plain language. The  
345 information shared should include:

- 346 • A declaration about the type of attack, including a clear description of the attack methodology
- 347 • A M/ETHANE message
- 348 • The location of rendezvous points (RVPs) and forward command points (FCPs)
- 349 • Details of safe approach routes
- 350 • The known or believed location and direction of movement of suspected attackers
- 351 • Any other information that enables an effective co-ordinated response

### 352 **Co-location and co-ordination**

353 Effective command requires multi-agency co-location at a number of locations. Any location used by the  
354 emergency services should be checked and secured against potential threats, including secondary  
355 devices or discarded improvised explosive devices (IEDs), with protection measures implemented where  
356 applicable. The security of designated locations should be continuously reviewed and communicated  
357 between commanders.

- 358 • Rendezvous point (RVP): The police control room will, as a matter of priority, liaise with  
359 ambulance and fire control rooms to jointly agree an RVP for the initial response. The RVP  
360 should:
  - 361 ○ Be located in the cold zone
  - 362 ○ Be easy to locate
  - 363 ○ Enable the rapid deployment of resources and assets to the scene
  - 364 ○ Be of suitable size and configuration to meet the operational requirement
  - 365 ○ Be regularly reviewed by commanders
- 366 • Forward command point (FCP): Commanders are responsible for identifying a suitable FCP for  
367 the deployment of emergency service responders. The FCP should:
  - 368 ○ Be located in the cold zone
  - 369 ○ Be regularly reviewed by commanders

370 There may need to be more than one FCP, depending on the attack methodology that may be multi-  
371 sited. Even though the location of FCPs may change during an incident, it is vital that command and  
372 control structures are maintained to ensure co-ordination of the incident and the safety of emergency  
373 service responders.

374 If there is insufficient time to establish an FCP, emergency service responders may need to be deployed  
375 following the establishment of a joint understanding of risk.

- 376 • Tactical Co-ordinating Groups (TCG) and Strategic Co-ordinating Groups (SCG): Some  
377 command roles will need to attend meetings of these groups. For more information refer to:
  - 378 ○ The JESIP publication, [Joint Doctrine: The Interoperability Framework](#)
  - 379 ○ [Incident command: Knowledge, skills and competence – Levels of command](#)

- 380 • Counter Terrorism Police Operations Room (CTPOR): If established, suitably vetted responders  
381 from the ambulance service and fire and rescue service should attend to support the police CT  
382 Commander. Tri-service attendance at the CTPOR will ensure:
- 383 ○ Appropriate intelligence and information sharing between partner agencies
  - 384 ○ Co-operation and understanding amongst agencies on matters of organisational capacity,  
385 capability and command
  - 386 ○ A reduction in risk to emergency service responders and the public

387 **Fire and rescue service command**

388 Fire and rescue services need to ensure they are represented at all meetings and briefings; if the  
389 incident commander needs to remain on-scene, this role may be assigned to a NILO or a nominated  
390 member of the incident command team.

391 The person attending an off-site meeting needs to be empowered to make decisions on behalf of their  
392 service. If the command authority remains on-scene, communication between the two service  
393 representatives needs to be robust.

394 National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) may be appointed to liaise with and support the incident  
395 commander; the NILO may provide the incident commander with tactical advice.

396 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

397 Fire and rescue services should:

- 398 • Ensure all incident commanders and National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) are practiced  
399 in applying the JESIP principles to support the delivery of a multi-agency response to a terrorist  
400 attack

401 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

402 Incident commanders should:

- 403 • Be prepared to respond for requests from the police for assistance with firefighting, rescue and  
404 hazard management activities when responding to a terrorist attack
- 405 • Be prepared to provide equipment, including firefighting equipment, to deal with activities  
406 assigned to the fire and rescue service when responding to a terrorist attack
- 407 • Be prepared to deploy personnel to assist the ambulance service with the treatment, removal or  
408 transfer of casualties who have been injured in a terrorist attack
- 409 • Agree with other on-scene commanders on the priorities for personnel, based on available  
410 information and the primary aim to save life
- 411 • Ensure they, a National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILO) or a nominated member of the  
412 incident command team attend and participate in all multi-agency meetings and briefings for a  
413 terrorist attack
- 414 • Liaise with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) when responding to terrorist attacks
- 415 • Record decisions made, and consider the appropriate use of decision logs when responding to  
416 terrorist attacks



417 **Control measure – Understanding deployment into MTA zones**

418 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

419 The aim of deploying into MTA zones should be to minimise the risk to the public, including casualties,  
420 while maximising the safety of emergency responders.

421 At incidents involving terrorist attacks, including marauding terrorist attacks (MTA), defining the zones  
422 within the area facilitates the appropriate deployment of emergency responders. The JESIP Joint  
423 Decision Model (JDM) should be used to define the zones, through establishing shared situational  
424 awareness and a joint understanding of risk. Developing a Common Operating Picture (COP), which  
425 should consider the threats and risks to emergency responders and members of the public, will support  
426 ongoing joint decision-making.

427 It may not be necessary to use all three zones. Decisions to define the zones should be dynamic and  
428 based on the attack methodology and the threat. The deployment of personnel into the zones should be  
429 based on the joint understanding of risk and the need to save life.

430 On-scene commanders should jointly agree and define the limits of exploitation (LoE). An LoE is defined  
431 as a further point at which some emergency responders can operate. The LoE will be jointly agreed  
432 between commanders as part of an ongoing joint assessment of risk.

433 All relevant personnel should be briefed to ensure they understand the LoE and the zones in use. Any  
434 changes to the LoE or zones should be promptly provided to all relevant personnel.

435 The zones are defined as:

- 436 • Hot zone: An area assessed to contain a credible and continuing threat to life, including the  
437 presence of attackers with weapons
- 438 • Warm zone: An area where the attackers are not believed to be present at this time, but an  
439 identified threat to life remains
- 440 • Cold zone: An area where no known threat exists or where appropriate control measures have  
441 been implemented; some cold zones will not require any control measures

442 Commanders should decide if, how and when their emergency responders can be deployed; this should  
443 be based on a risk assessment, which is informed by the nature of the attack, including:

- 444 • The number of attackers
- 445 • The methodology of the attack
- 446 • The number of people at risk

447 The deployment of non-specialist responders should be restricted to the cold and warm zone, up to the  
448 defined LoE. The deployment of non-specialist responders into the hot zone should be avoided.

449 Specialist responders, who undergo extensive training for the role, can be deployed in to the cold, warm  
450 and hot zones as part of a multi-agency response, subject to their competence for operating safely in the  
451 hot zone.

452 In the event that non-specialist responders find themselves in the hot zone, they should take feasible  
453 actions to save life, while protecting their own safety as they leave it.

454 The size, location and necessity for zones should be continuously reviewed. Every effort should be made  
455 to reclassify zones to accurately reflect the constantly evolving threat and risk. Zones should be no larger  
456 than necessary and their size should relate directly to the attack methodology. For example, if there is a  
457 firearms threat, the hot and warm zones may be considerably larger than those for an incident involving  
458 a hostile vehicle attack.

459 Application of the JDM will determine whether and what zones are required. The aim should be to move  
460 the hot zone to warm and the warm zone to cold as soon as it is practicable and safe to do so.

461 As soon as it is confirmed that any threat has been controlled, this information should be shared  
462 immediately with all responding agencies.

### 463 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

464 Fire and rescue services should:

- 465 • Ensure all incident commanders and National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) are practiced  
466 in applying the JESIP principles to support the deployment of personnel into MTA zones

### 467 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

468 Incident commanders should:

- 469 • Apply the JESIP principles including the Joint Decision Model (JDM) for a terrorist attack
- 470 • Jointly agree and define the limits of exploitation (LoE) and the zones in use for a terrorist attack
- 471 • Brief all relevant personnel to ensure they understand the limits of exploitation (LoE) and the  
472 zones in use for a terrorist attack
- 473 • Promptly provide all relevant personnel with details of any changes to the limits of exploitation  
474 (LoE) or zones for a terrorist attack

## 475 **Control measure – Safe system of work: Terrorist attacks**

### 476 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

#### 477 **Shared situational awareness and joint understanding of risk**

478 The JESIP principles of shared situational awareness and jointly understanding risk are continual  
479 processes that should be followed for a terrorist attack or marauding terrorist attack (MTA). The JESIP  
480 Joint Decision Model (JDM) should be used to consider and reconcile potentially differing priorities and  
481 to develop a working strategy.

482 All relevant commanders should be co-located and included in these processes. The absence of a  
483 commander from one or more of the emergency services should not delay this, although it may  
484 significantly impact on the deployment decisions made. While co-location should occur as soon as  
485 reasonably practicable, initial virtual alternatives, through the use of technology, may help to prevent  
486 delays.

487 The absence of police information and intelligence at a forward command point (FCP) or rendezvous  
488 point (RVP) could affect deployment decisions by the fire and rescue service and ambulance service. To  
489 mitigate this, proactive measures should be taken to enable the deployment of the responders on-scene  
490 is not delayed.

491 Establishing a joint understanding of risk is necessary to ensure that all responders are aware of the  
492 nature of the threat and the risks they may encounter. Other organisations that have deployed resources  
493 to the scene of the terrorist attack or MTA, should be involved in establishing a joint understanding of  
494 risk. This may include, for example, military specialists. Commanders will need to take this into account  
495 when developing their plans.

## 496 **Briefings**

497 Multi-agency briefings should include as a minimum:

- 498 • Information and intelligence, such as included in M/ETHANE messages
- 499 • Risk assessment, such as:
  - 500 ○ Known or perceived threats and risks
  - 501 ○ What personal protective equipment (PPE) is required
  - 502 ○ Zone and LoE
- 503 • Powers, policies and procedures, such as:
  - 504 ○ Casualty management plan
  - 505 ○ Fires and other hazards plan
  - 506 ○ Communications plan
- 507 • Identification of options and contingencies, such as:
  - 508 ○ Deployment of specialist or non-specialist responders
  - 509 ○ Team structure and size
  - 510 ○ Call signs
  - 511 ○ Team identifiers
  - 512 ○ Casualty management plan locations
  - 513 ○ Procedure for loss of communications
  - 514 ○ Agreed signals for emergency evacuation and tactical withdrawal of responders
- 515 • Recommend actions to take and review what happened; decisions and actions should be  
516 reviewed
- 517 • Ongoing use of the JDM to inform decision-making as information changes or new information  
518 becomes available
- 519 • Preservation of evidence; all responders should be aware of the need to preserve evidence  
520 during a terrorist attack or MTA

## 521 **Responsibilities**

522 It is the responsibility of the police to:

- 523 • Establish a forward command point (FCP) at a suitable location, which has:
  - 524 ○ Suitable areas for each emergency service and their support teams, to enable them to  
525 operate independently
  - 526 ○ The capacity to hold regular and structured briefings regarding the development of plans and  
527 contingencies

- 528 • Identify zones and appropriate limits of exploitation (LoE) to support interoperable working
- 529 • Jointly agree and clearly stipulate the furthest points (LoE) to which emergency responders will
- 530 operate within each zone
- 531 • Brief responders about the threats, hazards, risks and zones; to support rapid deployment, it is
- 532 preferable that briefings:
  - 533 ○ Are conducted jointly, with input from all emergency services
  - 534 ○ Apply the JESIP Joint Decision Model (JDM) principles

535 It is the responsibility of the fire and rescue service to:

- 536 • Brief relevant personnel about threats, hazards, risks and zones, including LoE
- 537 • Appoint National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) to liaise with and support the incident
- 538 commander; the NILO may provide the incident commander with tactical advice
- 539 • Ensure they are represented at all FCP briefings; if the incident commander needs to remain on-
- 540 scene, this role may be assigned to a NILO or a nominated member of the incident command
- 541 team
- 542 • Record decisions made, including the rationale about deploying or withholding resources; this
- 543 should be supported by the appropriate use of decision logs

544 Fire control and on-scene personnel should liaise to:

- 545 • Establish what survival guidance should be provided to people at risk in the terrorist attack
- 546 • Ensure the survival guidance being given to people at risk reflects and supports the current multi-
- 547 agency tactical plans

548 If fire control rooms are in contact with people at risk in a terrorist attack, they may be able to gather  
 549 information about the incident and relay this to on-scene personnel. They should ensure that providing  
 550 the information does not put the caller at greater risk. On-scene personnel should relay any information  
 551 gathered from calls received by the fire control room to the appropriate police commander.

552 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

553 Fire and rescue services should:

- 554 • Ensure all incident commanders and National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) are practiced
- 555 in applying the JESIP principles to support the development of a safe system of work for terrorist
- 556 attacks

557 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

558 Incident commanders should:

- 559 • Ensure they, a NILO or a nominated member of the incident command team attend and
- 560 participate in the forward command point (FCP) briefings for the terrorist attack
- 561 • Jointly agree the limits of exploitation (LoE) as the furthest points to which emergency responders
- 562 will operate within each zone
- 563 • Ensure relevant personnel are briefed about threats, hazards, risks, zones, limits of exploitation
- 564 (LoE) and the multi-agency plans for the terrorist attack

- 565 • Liaise with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) during terrorist attacks
- 566 • Record decisions made, and consider the appropriate use of decision logs for a terrorist attack
- 567 • Liaise with the fire control room to ensure survival guidance being given to people at risk in a
- 568 terrorist attack reflects and supports multi-agency plans
- 569 • Relay to the appropriate police commander any information gathered about a terrorist attack from
- 570 calls received by the fire control room

571 Fire control personnel should:

- 572 • Liaise with the incident ground to ensure survival guidance being given to people at risk in a
- 573 terrorist attack reflects and supports multi-agency plans
- 574 • Gather information about the incident from people at risk in a terrorist attack and relay it to the
- 575 incident commander, but only if this does not put callers at greater risk

576 **Control measure – Emergency evacuation and tactical withdrawal of responders:**  
577 **Terrorist attacks**

578 **This control measure should be read in conjunction with [Incident command – Emergency](#)**  
579 **evacuation and tactical withdrawal of responders**

580 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

581 Commanders should be kept informed about the progress of the multi-agency tactical plans, including  
582 the casualty management plan (CMP), to maintain joint situational awareness across organisations. This  
583 may indicate a requirement for casualty extrication to pause, or for emergency responders to evacuate  
584 or withdraw from the area.

585 There should be a multi-agency plan that enables emergency evacuation or tactical withdrawal of  
586 responders which:

- 587 • Evacuates the responders who are at highest risk, while protecting escape routes
- 588 • Removes responders from areas where the risk has become too high

589 The plans should also include:

- 590 • The method of initiating an emergency evacuation or tactical withdrawal of responders
- 591 • The method for carrying out a roll call
- 592 • The communications that are required when an emergency evacuation or tactical withdrawal of
- 593 responders have been initiated
- 594 • The actions that would need to be taken if personnel are unaccounted for after an emergency
- 595 evacuation or tactical withdrawal of responders
- 596 • The procedure for recommencing activity after an emergency evacuation or tactical withdrawal of
- 597 responders

598 If there is an emergency evacuation or tactical withdrawal declared, personnel should consider if they  
599 can assist casualties as they leave the hazard area, including the removal of those who are unable to  
600 walk. This will need to be a dynamic decision, based on the nature of the threat and an appropriate risk  
601 assessment.

602 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

603 Fire and rescue services should:

- 604 • Provide personnel with suitable equipment to convey an evacuation signal during a terrorist  
605 attack

606 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

607 Incident commanders should:

- 608 • Ensure personnel know what the plans and signals are for the emergency evacuation and tactical  
609 withdrawal of responders at a terrorist attack
- 610 • Ensure personnel know the location of the muster point for a terrorist attack and communicate its  
611 new location if it is relocated
- 612 • Carry out a roll call of personnel at the scene following an emergency evacuation of responders  
613 at a terrorist attack
- 614 • Ensure personnel do not re-enter the terrorist attack hazard area following an emergency  
615 evacuation of responders or an evacuation signal, unless instructed to do so
- 616 • Ensure personnel understand what actions they may be able to take to help casualties of the  
617 terrorist attack in the event of an emergency evacuation or tactical withdrawal from the hazard  
618 area

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619 **Hazard – CBRN or explosive attacks**

620 *HAZARD KNOWLEDGE*

621 **Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN)**

622 Due to the unique nature of a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) attack, there is a  
623 separate JESIP publication, [Responding to a CBRN\(e\) event: Joint operating principles for the](#)  
624 [emergency services](#). CBRN hazards may be distributed using an explosive device.

625 However, attackers may use lower sophistication chemicals that require a combined marauding terrorist  
626 attack (MTA) and CBRN response.

627 **Improvised explosive devices**

628 Information and intelligence may indicate that there is a threat of an improvised explosive device (IED) or  
629 that an IED has exploded or partially exploded.

630 If an IED has been detonated, there may be a risk of further explosions or a remaining explosive hazard  
631 from the IED.

632 **Control measure – Safe system of work: CBRN or explosive attacks**

633 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

634 **Assessment of the attack**

635 In the event of a suspected or potential chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) attack, an  
636 assessment should be carried out by applying the 'STEP 1-2-3 Plus' process. This will help to determine  
637 what actions should be taken. For more information refer to the Home Office publication, [Initial](#)  
638 [operational response to a CBRN incident](#), which includes the following steps:

639 **Step 1** One person incapacitated with no obvious reason:

- 640
  - Approach using standard protocols

641 **Step 2** Two people incapacitated with no obvious reason:

- 642
  - Approach with caution using standard protocols

643 **Step 3** Three or more people in close proximity, incapacitated with no obvious reason:

- 644
  - Use caution and follow step 'Plus'

645 **Actions following the attack**

646 **Plus** – Carry out appropriate life-saving activity, which may include:

- 647
  - **Evacuate** – Get people away from the scene of contamination
  - 648 • **Communicate and advise** – Immediate medical advice and reassurance that help is on its way
  - 649 • **Disrobe** – Remove clothing
  - 650 • **Decontaminate** – Improvised decontamination:
    - 651 ○ Dry decontamination when a non-caustic agent is suspected

652 ○ Wet decontamination when a caustic agent is suspected

653 People who have potentially been affected by CBRN materials should be instructed about how to follow  
654 the 'REMOVE REMOVE REMOVE' process, if they are able to do so:



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656 Figure: Poster explaining the 'REMOVE REMOVE REMOVE' process

657 Fire control and on-scene personnel should liaise to:

- 658 • Establish what survival guidance should be provided to people at risk in a CBRN or explosive  
659 attack
- 660 • Ensure the survival guidance being given to people at risk reflects and supports the current multi-  
661 agency tactical plans



662 If fire control rooms are in contact with people at risk in a CBRN or explosive attack, they may be able to  
663 gather information about the incident and relay this to on-scene personnel. They should ensure that  
664 providing the information does not put the caller at greater risk. On-scene personnel should relay any  
665 information gathered from calls received by the fire control room to the appropriate police commander.

666 By the time personnel arrive at the incident, people may already be leaving the hazard area, disrobing  
667 and carrying out improvised decontamination.

668 Information about the suspected or potential CBRN event should be gathered on arrival at the incident  
669 and provided to the fire control room. Updates on the situation should be provided at regular intervals  
670 and whenever further or updated information becomes available.

671 Incident commanders should liaise on a regular basis with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs)  
672 if CBRN hazards are involved and consider any tactical advice provided by them.

673 JESIP principles should be applied, including effective situation reporting using the M/ETHANE model.  
674 This is vital to ensure that correct information is exchanged appropriately with all involved agencies, to  
675 support shared situational awareness.

676 For more information refer to:

- 677 • The JESIP publication, [Responding to a CBRN\(e\) event: Joint operating principles for the](#)  
678 [emergency services](#)
- 679 • GOV.UK [REMOVE: guidance on hazardous substance exposure](#)
- 680 • [Hazardous materials – Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive: CBRN\(e\)](#)
- 681 • [Hazardous materials - Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear \(explosive\) event](#)

## 682 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

683 Fire and rescue services should:

- 684 • Ensure all incident commanders and National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) are practiced  
685 in applying the JESIP principles to support the development of a safe system of work for CBRN  
686 or explosive attacks

## 687 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

688 Incident commanders should:

- 689 • Follow the 'STEP 1-2-3 Plus' process to assess a suspected or potential CBRN event
- 690 • Carry out appropriate life-saving activity for a suspected or potential CBRN event
- 691 • Instruct people who have potentially been affected by CBRN materials on how to follow the  
692 'REMOVE REMOVE REMOVE' process, if they are able to do so
- 693 • Apply JESIP principles when carrying out situation reporting and developing shared situational  
694 awareness for CBRN events
- 695 • Liaise with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) regarding CBRN incidents
- 696 • Liaise with the fire control room to ensure survival guidance being given to people at risk in a  
697 CBRN attack reflects and supports the multi-agency plans

- 698 • Relay to the appropriate police commander any information gathered about a CBRN attack from  
699 calls received by the fire control room

700 Fire control personnel should:

- 701 • Liaise with the incident ground to ensure survival guidance being given to people at risk in a  
702 CBRN attack reflects and supports multi-agency plans
- 703 • Gather information about the incident from people at risk in a CBRN attack and relay it to the  
704 incident commander, but only if this does not put callers at greater risk

## 705 **Control measure – Safe system of work: Improvised explosive devices**

### 706 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

707 An initial cordon of between 100m and 400m should be established and maintained around an exploded,  
708 unexploded or partially exploded improvised explosive device (IED). The distance should be based on  
709 factors including whether the device has exploded and the estimated size of the device, and may need to  
710 be revised. For more information refer to [Hazardous materials – Cordon controls: Hazardous materials](#).

711 There may be a risk of further explosions or a remaining explosive hazard from an IED. A risk  
712 assessment may determine that the cordon distance should be treated as an exclusion zone. Guidance  
713 should be obtained from the police or army explosive ordnance disposal (EOD).

714 If there are casualties present within the hazard area, their rapid treatment and movement should remain  
715 a priority. People should be moved away from the location of the IED as quickly as possible, although  
716 this will be a slower process if non-ambulatory casualties need to be moved.

717 A safe system of work, following an appropriate risk assessment using JESIP principles, should consider  
718 taking the following precautions:

- 719 • Using respiratory protection, due to the presence of dust, smoke, debris or CBRN hazards
- 720 • Using any available hard cover
- 721 • Avoiding touching or moving objects unnecessarily
- 722 • Deploying the minimum number of personnel, for the minimum amount of time to the hazard  
723 area, to protect and save life

724 Incident commanders should liaise on a regular basis with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs)  
725 if an IED is involved and consider any tactical advice provided by them.

726 Fire control and on-scene personnel should liaise to:

- 727 • Establish what survival guidance should be provided to people at risk in the IED hazard area
- 728 • Ensure the survival guidance being given to people at risk reflects and supports the current multi-  
729 agency tactical plans

730 If fire control rooms are in contact with people at risk in the IED hazard area, they may be able to gather  
731 information about the incident and relay this to on-scene personnel. They should ensure that providing  
732 the information does not put the caller at greater risk. On-scene personnel should relay any information  
733 gathered from calls received by the fire control room to the appropriate police commander.

734 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

735 Fire and rescue services should:

- 736 • Ensure all incident commanders and National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) are practiced  
737 in applying the JESIP principles to support the development of a safe system of work for  
738 improvised explosive devices

739 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

740 Incident commanders should:

- 741 • Establish and maintain an appropriate cordon around the improvised explosive device
- 742 • Carry out a risk assessment to determine if the cordon distance around an improvised explosive  
743 device should be treated as an exclusion zone
- 744 • Seek guidance about an improvised explosive device from the police or army explosive ordnance  
745 disposal (EOD)
- 746 • Carry out an appropriate risk assessment using JESIP principles before deploying personnel into  
747 the improvised explosive device hazard area to treat and move casualties
- 748 • Ensure personnel use appropriate respiratory protection when entering an improvised explosive  
749 device hazard area
- 750 • Ensure personnel use any hard cover available when entering an improvised explosive device  
751 hazard area
- 752 • Ensure personnel avoid touching or moving objects unnecessarily in an improvised explosive  
753 device hazard area
- 754 • Deploy the minimum number of personnel for the minimum amount of time to the improvised  
755 explosive device hazard area, to treat and move casualties
- 756 • Liaise with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) regarding improvised explosive device  
757 incidents
- 758 • Liaise with the fire control room to ensure survival guidance being given to people at risk in an  
759 improvised explosive device hazard area reflects and supports multi-agency plans
- 760 • Relay to the appropriate police commander any information gathered about an improvised  
761 explosive device from calls received by the fire control room

762 Fire control personnel should:

- 763 • Liaise with the incident ground to ensure survival guidance being given to people at risk in the  
764 improvised explosive device hazard area siege reflects and supports multi-agency plans
- 765 • Gather information about the incident from people at risk in the improvised explosive device  
766 hazard area and relay it to the incident commander, but only if this does not put callers at greater  
767 risk

## 768 **Hazard – Sieges**

### 769 *HAZARD KNOWLEDGE*

770 Attackers may use sieges or hostage-taking with the aim to prolong an attack or impede rescue  
771 operations. Sieges may be used in conjunction with other attack strategies, including the use of  
772 weapons, explosives and fire setting.

773 As sieges are static in nature, adherence to zones, limits of exploitation (LoE) and the directions of the  
774 police is essential.

### 775 **Control measure – Safe system of work: Sieges**

#### 776 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

777 It is the responsibility of the police to:

- 778 • Declare a siege is in progress
- 779 • Establish a forward command point (FCP) at a suitable location, which has:
  - 780 ○ Suitable areas for each emergency service and their support teams, to enable them to
  - 781 operate independently
  - 782 ○ The capacity to hold regular and structured briefings regarding the development of plans and
  - 783 contingencies
- 784 • Appoint commanders, such as a siege ground commander or outer scene commander
- 785 • Identify zones and appropriate limits of exploitation (LoE) to support interoperable working
- 786 • Jointly agree and clearly stipulate the furthest points (LoE) to which emergency responders will
- 787 operate within each zone
- 788 • Brief responders about the threats, hazards, risks and zones; to support rapid deployment, it is
- 789 preferable that briefings:
  - 790 ○ Are conducted jointly, with input from all emergency services
  - 791 ○ Apply the JESIP Joint Decision Model (JDM) principles

792 It is the responsibility of the fire and rescue service to:

- 793 • Brief relevant personnel about threats, hazards, risks and zones, including LoE
- 794 • Appoint National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) to liaise with and support the incident
- 795 commander; the NILO may provide the incident commander with tactical advice
- 796 • Be represented at all FCP briefings; if the incident commander needs to remain on-scene, this
- 797 role may be assigned to a NILO or a nominated member of the incident command team
- 798 • Record decisions made, including the rationale about deploying or withholding resources; this
- 799 should be supported by the appropriate use of decision logs

800 Fire control and on-scene personnel should liaise to:

- 801 • Establish what survival guidance should be provided to people at risk in the siege
- 802 • Ensure the survival guidance being given to people at risk reflects and supports the current multi-
- 803 agency tactical plans

804 If fire control rooms are in contact with people at risk in a siege, they may be able to gather information  
805 about the incident and relay this to on-scene personnel. They should ensure that providing the  
806 information does not put the caller at greater risk. On-scene personnel should relay any information  
807 gathered from calls received by the fire control room to the appropriate police commander.

808 Military medical personnel may need to be deployed for casualties involved in a siege. The ambulance  
809 on-scene commander and military medical lead should discuss the potential for joint working to  
810 maximise the casualty care options available.

811 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

812 Fire and rescue services should:

- 813 • Ensure all incident commanders and National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) are practiced  
814 in applying the JESIP principles to support the development of a safe system of work for sieges

815 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

816 Incident commanders should:

- 817 • Ensure they, a NILO or a nominated member of the incident command team attend and  
818 participate in the forward command point (FCP) briefings for the siege
- 819 • Ensure relevant personnel are briefed about threats, hazards, risks, zones, limits of exploitation  
820 (LoE) and the multi-agency plans for the siege
- 821 • Liaise with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) during sieges
- 822 • Record decisions made, and consider the appropriate use of decision logs for a siege
- 823 • Liaise with the fire control room to ensure survival guidance being given to people at risk in a  
824 siege reflects and supports multi-agency plans
- 825 • Relay to the appropriate police commander any information gathered about a siege from calls  
826 received by the fire control room

827 Fire control personnel should:

- 828 • Liaise with the incident ground to ensure survival guidance being given to people at risk in a  
829 siege reflects and supports multi-agency plans
- 830 • Gather information about the incident from people at risk in a siege and relay it to the incident  
831 commander, but only if this does not put callers at greater risk

832 **Hazard – Fires and other hazards: Terrorist attacks**

833 *HAZARD KNOWLEDGE*

834 As part of a terrorist attack or marauding terrorist attack (MTA), there may be fires or other hazards that  
835 require a response from the fire and rescue service. These could include:

- 836 • Fires or explosions in modes of transport, buildings or other structures
- 837 • Abandoned or crashed modes of transport
- 838 • Collapse or partial collapse of buildings or other structures
- 839 • The need for a search and rescue plan
- 840 • Presence of hazardous materials

841 When dealing with these types of hazards, personnel should be aware of the potential risks from the  
842 presence of:

- 843 • Attackers
- 844 • Improvised explosive devices (IEDs)
- 845 • Hidden or disguised devices that may cause harm when triggered

846 The response will also need to take into account the:

- 847 • Multi-agency plan
- 848 • Safety of the public, personnel and other emergency responders
- 849 • Need to preserve evidence of the crime scene

850 **Control measure – Firefighting: Terrorist attacks**

851 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

852 The fire and rescue service may be asked to develop a plan and deliver a specialist response for dealing  
853 with fires, during or following a terrorist attack or marauding terrorist attack (MTA). Personnel will require  
854 appropriate firefighting equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) to provide this response.

855 Firefighting activity should include control of fire, while considering the need to preserve evidence. If  
856 possible and safe to do so, fires should be extinguished without delay and simple actions taken to  
857 prevent the spread of fire or smoke.

858 Firefighting should not commence until a joint understanding of risk has been established. The  
859 operational plan to deploy personnel for firefighting should be subject to the application of the Joint  
860 Decision Model. The plan should be communicated to all on-scene commanders.

861 Firefighting tactics can be either offensive or defensive:

- 862 • Offensive firefighting – this may include the use of structural firefighting equipment and personal  
863 protective equipment (PPE), ballistic PPE and breathing apparatus (BA)
- 864 • Defensive firefighting – this can be used to prevent firespread by applying firefighting activities  
865 from a position outside of the hazard area, or by deploying fixed firefighting jets or ground  
866 monitors

867 The fire and rescue service may be able to provide advice to the police about fire development and  
868 behaviour. They may also be able to provide advice on fixed installations, such as sprinklers, ventilation  
869 systems or fire-engineered solutions; it may be possible to use these to control the spread of fire or  
870 smoke.

871 Incident commanders should liaise on a regular basis with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs)  
872 if firefighting during a terrorist attack or MTA is required, and consider any tactical advice provided by  
873 them.

874 Advanced firefighting guidance for use during a terrorist attack or MTA is provided in the specialist  
875 National Resilience publication, *The Concept of Operations for MTA*. If advanced firefighting capabilities  
876 are or may be required, attendance of specialist teams should be requested through National Resilience  
877 Fire Control.

878 Fire control and on-scene personnel should liaise to:

- 879 • Establish what fire survival guidance should be provided to people at risk
- 880 • Ensure the fire survival guidance being given to people at risk reflects and supports the current  
881 multi-agency tactical plans

882 If fire control rooms are in contact with people at risk in the terrorist attack, they may be able to gather  
883 information about the fire and relay this to on-scene personnel. They should ensure that providing the  
884 information does not put the caller at greater risk. On-scene personnel should relay any information  
885 gathered from calls received by the fire control room to the appropriate police commander.

## 886 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

887 Fire and rescue services should:

- 888 • Ensure all incident commanders and National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) are practiced  
889 in applying the JESIP principles to support firefighting during or following a terrorist attack
- 890 • Consider providing firefighting equipment and PPE for dealing with fires during or following a  
891 terrorist attack

## 892 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

893 Incident commanders should:

- 894 • Participate in the development of a joint understanding of risk before deploying personnel to deal  
895 with a fire at a terrorist attack
- 896 • If appropriate, deploy personnel with appropriate firefighting equipment and PPE to deal with a  
897 fire at a terrorist attack
- 898 • Liaise with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) regarding firefighting at a terrorist  
899 attack
- 900 • Provide advice to the police about fire development and behaviour at a terrorist attack
- 901 • Provide advice to the police about fixed installations that may be able to be used to control a fire  
902 at a terrorist attack
- 903 • If appropriate, use fixed installations to control a fire at a terrorist attack

- 904 • Identify when advanced firefighting capabilities are or may be required at a terrorist attack and  
905 request the attendance of specialist fire and rescue service teams using National Resilience  
906 protocols
- 907 • Liaise with the fire control room to ensure fire survival guidance being given to people at risk in a  
908 terrorist attack reflects and supports multi-agency plans
- 909 • Relay to the appropriate police commander any information gathered about a fire at a terrorist  
910 attack from calls received by the fire control room

911 Fire control personnel should:

- 912 • Liaise with the incident ground to ensure fire survival guidance being given to people at risk in a  
913 terrorist attack reflects and supports multi-agency plans
- 914 • Gather information about the fire from people at risk in a terrorist attack and relay it to the incident  
915 commander, but only if this does not put callers at greater risk

## 916 **Control measure – Fire and rescue service response to other hazards: Terrorist attacks**

### 917 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

918 The fire and rescue service may be asked to develop a plan and deliver a specialist response for dealing  
919 with other hazards, during or following a terrorist attack or marauding terrorist attack (MTA). Personnel  
920 will require appropriate equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) to provide this response.

921 The on-scene commanders need to agree on the priorities for the fire and rescue service. This should  
922 consider the resources available, in terms of the number and capabilities of personnel and the  
923 equipment available.

924 The fire and rescue service may be able to provide advice to the police about other hazards and their  
925 potential impact on casualties, survivors and emergency responders.

926 Incident commanders should liaise on a regular basis with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs)  
927 if other hazards require a fire and rescue service response during a terrorist attack or MTA, and consider  
928 any tactical advice provided by them.

929 Personnel should not commence dealing with other hazards until a joint understanding of risk has been  
930 established. The operational plan to deploy personnel for dealing with other hazards should be subject to  
931 the application of the Joint Decision Model. The plan should be communicated to all on-scene  
932 commanders.

933 Fire control and on-scene personnel should liaise to:

- 934 • Establish what survival guidance should be provided to people at risk of other hazards
- 935 • Ensure the survival guidance being given to people at risk reflects and supports the current multi-  
936 agency tactical plans

937 If fire control rooms are in contact with people at risk in the terrorist attack, they may be able to gather  
938 information about other hazards and relay this to on-scene personnel. They should ensure that providing  
939 the information does not put the caller at greater risk. On-scene personnel should relay any information  
940 gathered from calls received by the fire control room to the appropriate police commander.

## 941 **Abandoned or crashed modes of transport**



942 Consideration should be given to the presence of attackers, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or  
943 hidden or disguised devices in the mode of transport.

944 For more information refer to:

- 945 • [Transport – Transport incidents](#)
- 946 • [Transport – People within the transport network](#)
- 947 • [Transport – Objects involved in a mode of transport collision](#)
- 948 • [Transport – Failure to preserve and secure the transport incident scene for investigation](#)

949 There may be the need to search for or rescue casualties from the mode of transport. For more  
950 information refer to:

- 951 • [Search, rescue and casualty care – Lack of co-ordinated search plan: Modes of transport](#)
- 952 • [Search, rescue and casualty care – Trapped casualty: Mode of transport](#)

### 953 **Collapse or partial collapse of buildings or other structures**

954 Consideration should be given to the presence of attackers, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or  
955 hidden or disguised devices in the building or other structure.

956 For more information refer to [Height, structures and confined spaces - Unstable or collapsed structure](#).

957 There may be the need to search for or rescue casualties from collapsed or partially collapsed buildings  
958 or other structures. For more information refer to:

- 959 • [Search, rescue and casualty care – Lack of co-ordinated search plan: Unstable or collapsed structure](#)
- 960 • [Search, rescue and casualty care – Accessing a casualty](#)

### 962 **Search and rescue plan**

963 When carrying out searches and rescues, consideration should be given to the presence of attackers,  
964 improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or hidden or disguised devices in the search area.

965 The fire and rescue service may be asked to assist with developing and delivering a search and rescue  
966 plan. Search and rescue plans are normally developed in collaboration with police search advisers  
967 (PoISA).

968 For more information refer to:

- 969 • [Search, rescue and casualty care – Lack of co-ordinated search plan: All searches](#)
- 970 • [Search, rescue and casualty care – Accessing a casualty](#)

### 971 **Hazardous materials**

972 Consideration should be given to the presence of attackers, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or  
973 hidden or disguised devices when responding to the presence of identified or suspected hazardous  
974 materials.

975 Personnel should be aware of, and prepare for, the risk of being contaminated by or exposed to  
976 hazardous materials. It may be beneficial to request the advice or assistance of a hazardous materials  
977 tactical adviser. National Resilience assets may also be required, such as:

- 978 • Mass decontamination unit
- 979 • Detection, identification and monitoring (DIM) advisers and equipment
- 980 Casualties, survivors and emergency responders may need to be evacuated from the scene, disrobed  
981 and decontaminated.
- 982 For more information refer to:
- 983 • [Hazardous materials guidance](#)
- 984 • [Hazardous materials – Health hazards guidance](#)
- 985 • [Hazardous materials – Physical hazards guidance](#)
- 986 • [Hazardous materials – Exposure of responders to hazardous materials](#)
- 987 • [Hazardous materials - Contaminated members of the public](#)
- 988 • [Hazardous materials - Exposed members of the public](#)
- 989 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*
- 990 Fire and rescue services should:
- 991 • Ensure all incident commanders and National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) are practiced  
992 in applying the JESIP principles to support a response to other hazards during or following a  
993 terrorist attack
- 994 • Consider providing equipment and PPE for dealing with other hazards during or following a  
995 terrorist attack
- 996 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*
- 997 Incident commanders should:
- 998 • Participate in the development of a joint understanding of risk before deploying personnel to deal  
999 with other hazards at a terrorist attack
- 1000 • If appropriate, deploy personnel with appropriate equipment and PPE to deal with other hazards  
1001 at a terrorist attack
- 1002 • Liaise with National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) regarding other hazards at a terrorist  
1003 attack
- 1004 • Provide advice to the police about other hazards and their potential impact at a terrorist attack
- 1005 • Identify when National Resilience assets are or may be required at a terrorist attack and request  
1006 their attendance
- 1007 • Liaise with the fire control room to ensure survival guidance being given to people at risk of other  
1008 hazards in a terrorist attack reflects and supports multi-agency plans
- 1009 • Relay to the appropriate police commander any information gathered about other hazards at a  
1010 terrorist attack from calls received by the fire control room
- 1011 Fire control personnel should:
- 1012 • Liaise with the incident ground to ensure survival guidance being given to people at risk of other  
1013 hazards at a terrorist attack reflects and supports multi-agency plans

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- Gather information about other hazards from people at risk in a terrorist attack and relay it to the incident commander, but only if this does not put callers at greater risk

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## 1016 **Hazard – Casualties of terrorist attacks**

### 1017 *HAZARD KNOWLEDGE*

1018 Terrorist attacks or marauding terrorist attacks (MTA) may result in a large number of casualties. The  
1019 injuries sustained, which may be life-threatening, will vary depending on the attack methodology. The  
1020 injuries may be very different to those resulting from non-malicious incidents.

1021 It is acknowledged that any incident that results in people being injured, including a terrorist attack,  
1022 results in a 'care gap'. This can be regarded as the time between when the casualty sustained their  
1023 injuries and when they receive definitive medical treatment from a medical responder.

1024 The speed at which casualties are treated and moved from the point of injury into definitive care will  
1025 affect survival rates. Some casualties may require immediate intervention to prevent their death. Early  
1026 intervention, based on an assessment of the risks and benefits, is required to maximise survival rates.

1027 A different approach to casualty care may be required, in order to balance high casualty numbers with  
1028 the availability of emergency responders who can provide life-saving care.

1029 Personnel need to be aware that they may be asked to assist with treating a suspected or confirmed  
1030 attacker or terrorist.

1031 If there are casualties with significant trauma injuries, there will be a risk of infectious disease  
1032 transmission. For more information refer to [Operations – Infectious diseases](#).

1033 The managing of casualties should take into account the need to maintain the scene for investigation  
1034 purposes; for more information refer to:

- 1035 • [Operations – Compromised investigations: Poor scene preservation](#)
- 1036 • [Operations – Compromised investigations: Ineffective or inappropriate actions](#)

1037 Due to the nature of injuries to the casualties, and the number of casualties, personnel may be subject to  
1038 physiological stress. The psychological hazards of the incident may affect operational, non-operational  
1039 and fire control personnel. For more information refer to:

- 1040 • [Operations – Physiological stress](#)
- 1041 • [Operations – Psychological hazards](#)

## 1042 **Control measure – Casualty management plan: Terrorist attacks**

### 1043 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

1044 The ambulance service will approve the casualty management plan (CMP) to save life. A CMP, which  
1045 may initially be basic in nature, should be developed before the deployment of responders. As the  
1046 incident progresses, the CMP should be formalised, reviewed, adjusted and approved by the tactical  
1047 commander as part of the ambulance tactical plan.

1048 While the ambulance service retains lead responsibility for the management of casualties, decisions  
1049 regarding the deployment of responders and the locations or zones of deployment will be made as part  
1050 of a joint assessment of risk conducted by the police, ambulance and fire and rescue service on-scene  
1051 commanders.

1052 The CMP forms part of the joint decision-making process, which ensures that all commanders  
1053 understand its contents and implications. The current CMP should be included in deployment briefings,  
1054 to ensure that emergency responders are aware of the tactics and procedures to be followed,  
1055 emphasising the overarching aim of rapid deployment to save life. Any changes to the CMP need to be  
1056 promptly shared with partner agencies.

1057 In order to mitigate the care gap, personnel may be able to provide assistance to the ambulance service  
1058 to deliver the CMP, by treating and removing casualties. All personnel should be briefed before being  
1059 deployed to carry out casualty management. They may be deployed with ambulance responders to  
1060 assist with casualty management; military medics may also be deployed.

#### 1061 **Injured attackers**

1062 If an injured attacker who has already been processed by the police is encountered by personnel, they  
1063 should assist the ambulance service by providing medical treatment as required, preferably with the  
1064 assistance of the police.

1065 If an injured suspected attacker is encountered by personnel, they should notify the police immediately.  
1066 Personnel should provide the police with details of the person's description, location and reason for  
1067 concern, for example if the casualty has a weapon. The advice of the police or a risk assessment may  
1068 indicate the need for personnel to withdraw to a safe distance, until the police have processed the  
1069 casualty.

#### 1070 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

1071 Fire and rescue services should:

- 1072 • Ensure all incident commanders and National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILOs) are practiced  
1073 in applying the JESIP principles to support a casualty management plan for a terrorist attack

#### 1074 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

1075 Incident commanders should:

- 1076 • Ensure they are fully aware of the current casualty management plan, including the role of  
1077 personnel and the tactics and procedures to be followed for casualties of a terrorist attack
- 1078 • Ensure they are kept informed about progress of the casualty management plan and of any  
1079 requirement for personnel to withdraw from or evacuate the area of a terrorist attack
- 1080 • Brief personnel being deployed to assist with casualty management, including tactics, procedures  
1081 and who they will be assisting for casualties of a terrorist attack
- 1082 • Ensure personnel understand what to do if they encounter a processed injured attacker or an  
1083 injured suspected attacker following a terrorist attack

#### 1084 **Control measure – Casualty care: Terrorist attacks**

##### 1085 *CONTROL MEASURE KNOWLEDGE*

1086 The ambulance on-scene commander will direct and co-ordinate the casualty management plan (CMP)  
1087 to deliver life-saving care. As non-ambulance emergency responders will have varying levels of first aid  
1088 knowledge and training, they should be tasked appropriately.

1089 Maximising the number of emergency responders to deliver mass casualty care aims to save lives. Multi-  
1090 agency teams may deliver basic clinical care or be tasked with the removal or transfer of casualties to or  
1091 from:

- 1092 • Casualty collection points (CCP)
- 1093 • Casualty clearing stations (CCS)
- 1094 • Casualty loading points (CLP)

1095 Ambulance responders will direct and oversee the treatment provided by other emergency responders.

1096 Personnel should be aware of the tactical options that may be deployed when delivering mass casualty  
1097 care following a terrorist attack. The tactical response is flexible, and commanders may amend tactics  
1098 according to threat and risk.

1099 The aim of deploying emergency responders is to rapidly assess and treat casualties, then move on to  
1100 the next casualty if required. Personnel need to understand that they may not be able to stay with a  
1101 casualty after providing basic treatment.

1102 The CMP will detail the tactical options in use, including:

- 1103 • Deployment of specialist responders with ballistic personal protective equipment (BPPE)
- 1104 • Deployment of non-specialist responders
- 1105 • Triage and triage labelling
- 1106 • Immediate removal of casualties
- 1107 • Treat and leave casualties
- 1108 • Treat and take casualties

### 1109 **Mitigating the care gap**

1110 In order to mitigate the care gap, emergency responders should be trained, exercised and equipped to  
1111 be able to operate effectively within the appropriate zones. They should be familiar with the equipment  
1112 they may need to use, including trauma kits, tourniquets, rapid evacuation stretchers and defibrillators.

1113 There may be equipment provided at a public venue that can be used by 'zero responders' (somebody at  
1114 the scene of the incident who can provide first aid) or 'first responders' (such as a police officer or  
1115 firefighter with first aid or more advanced trauma care skills).

1116 Deployments should be undertaken safely, but at pace, balancing the need for the safety of emergency  
1117 responders with the need to reduce the duration of the care gap, and thereby improve the chances of  
1118 survival and recovery of casualties with serious injuries.

### 1119 **Triage and triage labelling**

1120 Only ambulance responders will perform the initial triage of casualties and determine their prioritisation  
1121 for treatment; this includes the justification for declaring that a casualty is deceased.

1122 To avoid the repeated assessment of casualties, especially at complex incidents, appropriate triage  
1123 labelling should be used. For more information about the triage process, refer to [Search, rescue and  
1124 casualty care – Carry out triage](#).

### 1125 **Immediate removal of casualties**

1126 Once a casualty has been assessed and treated, they should immediately be removed so that they can  
1127 receive further treatment. Depending on the circumstances, nature of injuries and the availability of  
1128 resources, urgent removal of P1 casualties direct to a CLP should be considered. P1 casualties are  
1129 those who cannot survive without immediate treatment but who have a chance of survival.

1130 Removal or transfer of casualties to either a CCP or CCS will commence on the instruction of the  
1131 ambulance on-scene commander.

1132 Casualties may have received or applied first aid prior to removal from the scene. This could include the  
1133 use of medical or improvised tourniquets, which may be under clothing. Although a thorough check for  
1134 these should be made in the CCP, if personnel are handing over a casualty who they know has a  
1135 tourniquet applied, they should bring this to the attention of a medical responder.

1136 Consideration should be given to the use of any appropriate equipment or vehicles that are available, to  
1137 assist with the removal or transfer of casualties. This may include the use of stretchers or skeds, as well  
1138 as improvised casualty carrying equipment. It may be necessary to request additional equipment for this  
1139 purpose, depending on the number of casualties. For more information refer to [Search, rescue and  
1140 casualty care – Use casualty transport equipment](#).

#### 1141 **Treat and leave casualties**

1142 If casualty numbers are high, the CMP may require the use of the 'treat and leave' option. This will  
1143 involve emergency responders providing rapid and minimal clinical intervention, focused on controlling  
1144 major haemorrhage or using basic airway control techniques, such as placing casualties into the  
1145 recovery position. These actions aim to provide the maximum benefit to the greatest number of  
1146 casualties.

#### 1147 **Uninjured people and ambulant casualties**

1148 Emergency responders should not allow members of the public to distract them from treating the  
1149 maximum number of casualties possible. Therefore, uninjured people and ambulant casualties should be  
1150 told to leave the scene by the safest route.

1151 However, some uninjured people will want to stay and assist casualties, especially off-duty medical staff  
1152 or emergency responders, or first aiders. If appropriate, emergency responders can instruct these people  
1153 to, for example, apply potentially life-saving dressings.

1154 If there has been gunfire or explosions, people may be suffering from visual or hearing impairment,  
1155 which may make it difficult for them to comply with instructions. They may need physical assistance to  
1156 help them leave the scene.

1157 Uninjured people who are distressed or confused may not follow instructions from emergency  
1158 responders; they should be given directions to leave the scene by the safest route in a firm and clear  
1159 manner.

#### 1160 **Searching for casualties**

1161 Some people, including uninjured people and casualties, may remain hidden from emergency  
1162 responders, as they have followed the [JESIP 'STAY SAFE' public advice](#) of 'Run, Hide, Tell'.

1163 A thorough search of the scene is necessary to ensure that everyone is located and led or assisted to  
1164 safety. The search plan should be devised and led by the fire and rescue service, informed by the CMP.  
1165 If the search will be multi-agency resourced, it needs to be co-ordinated to ensure it is carried out



1166 efficiently. For more information refer to [Search, rescue and casualty care – Effective search](#)  
1167 [management](#).

## 1168 **Fire and rescue service clinical governance for casualty care**

1169 As part of risk management planning, fire and rescue services may identify the requirement to provide  
1170 casualty care that is over and above the first aid regulations when responding to a terrorist attack. If this  
1171 decision is taken, it is strongly advised that they obtain clinical governance leadership from a healthcare  
1172 professional. This person should have the competencies to lead and co-ordinate clinical governance for  
1173 the organisation, to ensure that any casualty care provided is of an appropriate standard and to support  
1174 personnel in its delivery.

1175 For more information refer to [Search, rescue and casualty care – Risk assess and adopt the appropriate](#)  
1176 [level of casualty care](#).

### 1177 *STRATEGIC ACTIONS*

1178 Fire and rescue services should:

- 1179 • Determine how many personnel should be competent in providing the type of casualty care that  
1180 may be required following a terrorist attack
- 1181 • Consider obtaining appropriate clinical governance to enable personnel to provide casualty care  
1182 following a terrorist attack
- 1183 • Ensure relevant personnel receive training about the delivery of multi-agency casualty care  
1184 following a terrorist attack
- 1185 • Consider equipping fire service vehicles with an appropriate type and number of stretchers or  
1186 skeds for mass casualty management following a terrorist attack
- 1187 • Consider equipping fire service vehicles with first aid equipment suitable for treating mass  
1188 casualties of a terrorist attack

### 1189 *TACTICAL ACTIONS*

1190 Incident commanders should:

- 1191 • Take direction from the ambulance on-scene commander about the deployment of personnel to  
1192 assist with casualties of a terrorist attack
- 1193 • Ensure personnel are aware of the location and purpose of the casualty collection points (CCP),  
1194 casualty clearing stations (CCS) and casualty loading points (CLP) following a terrorist attack
- 1195 • Ensure personnel are aware of the tactical options that are to be used for casualties of a terrorist  
1196 attack, and are briefed about any changes in the tactical response
- 1197 • Ensure personnel understand that they may not be able to stay with a casualty of a terrorist  
1198 attack after providing basic treatment
- 1199 • Ensure personnel are aware of the triage process and labelling in use for casualties of a terrorist  
1200 attack
- 1201 • Ensure personnel understand the need to follow ambulance responder instructions about the  
1202 removal or transfer of casualties of the terrorist attack to an appropriate location



- 1203 • Ensure personnel understand that when handing over a casualty of the terrorist attack who has a  
1204 tourniquet applied, they should bring this to the attention of a medical responder
- 1205 • Consider what equipment or vehicles are available to assist with the removal or transfer of  
1206 casualties of the terrorist attack; this may include stretchers, skeds or improvised equipment
- 1207 • Consider requesting additional equipment to assist with the removal or transfer of casualties of  
1208 the terrorist attack
- 1209 • Deploy personnel who are able to provide assistance with a treat and leave response for  
1210 casualties of a terrorist attack if required
- 1211 • Ensure personnel understand the need to instruct uninjured people or ambulant casualties to  
1212 leave the scene of the terrorist attack and to be aware that they may need assistance
- 1213 • Ensure personnel understand when it may be appropriate for uninjured people to remain and  
1214 assist with first aid for casualties of the terrorist attack
- 1215 • Develop and co-ordinate a search plan for the scene of the terrorist attack, to ensure all uninjured  
1216 people and casualties have been found, if required by the casualty management plan