

# Stay Safe

Public guidance for firearms and weapons attacks has released by National Police Chiefs' Council.

The guidance provides advice on the steps to take to keep safe in the event of a firearms or weapons attack has been released to the public by National Counter Terrorism Policing.

Recent events around the world remind us all of the terrorist threat we face, which in the UK is considered as '[SEVERE](#)', meaning an attack is highly likely. Police and security agencies are working tirelessly to protect the public but it is also important that communities remain vigilant and aware of how to protect themselves if the need arises.

Stay Safe: Firearms and Weapons Attack sets out three key steps for keeping safe if you are caught up in an incident. 'Run, hide and tell' can be applied to many places and situations.

## RUN



**Run to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...**

## HIDE



**It's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...**

## TELL



**Tell the police by calling 999.**

Stay Safe Guidance: Knives and other bladed weapons

## RUN

**EVACUATE – If there is an accessible escape path, evacuate the premises/location**

- **Under immediate attack** – Put distance between yourself and the attacker(s) and leave the area as soon as possible - when it is safe to do so (ie if the attacker(s) are no longer a threat to you or others in your immediate vicinity).

- **Nearby attack** - Leave the area immediately, if possible, and it is safe to do so.

**Evacuation** – Beware of the location and direction of the threat and evacuate away from danger. Assist others in evacuating if safe to do so.

**Leave your personal belongings** behind – do not delay your evacuation but if possible take a means of communication (eg mobile phone) with you to facilitate the giving/receiving of further safety advice.

**Do not congregate** or allow the public to congregate at evacuation points or usual Rendezvous points. Rapid dispersal away from the danger area is vital. However try to maintain contact with your manager or supervisor so they are aware of your safety and location.

## **HIDE**

**IF YOU CAN'T ESCAPE - Find a place to hide where the attackers are less likely to find you and turn mobile phones/radios to silent**

In some extreme situations it may be necessary to consider locking yourself, and others, in a room. Barricade the door then stay away from it. If possible choose a room where escape or further movement is possible. Silence any sources of noise, such as mobile phones, that may give away your presence.

Carry out the following actions **if safe to do so**.

- Secure your immediate environment and other vulnerable areas
- Keep people out of public areas
- Move away from the door and remain quiet until told otherwise by **Emergency Services** or if you need to move for safety reasons

Be prepared to move quickly if the threat changes or if directed by a Police Officer in uniform.

## **TELL**

Pass as much information to the **Police** as possible. Consider using **CCTV** and other remote methods where available. **NEVER** risk your **own safety** or that of **others** to gain it.

**If it is safe to do so, think about the following:**

- Is it a weapons incident? •Exact location of the incident
- Type of weapon – knife, sword, machete •Moving in any particular direction?
- Number and description of attackers •What else are they carrying?
- Are they communicating with others? •Number of casualties/people in the area

Do not assume that others have already contacted Police. Therefore contact **BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE** immediately by dialling 999 or via your control room on 0300 123 9102/9103, giving them the information shown above. If you are hiding then **consider sending a text message to BTP on 61016** to avoid drawing attention to yourself.

Using this information the BTP will take the necessary action to ensure the right resources attend the scene so that assistance can be provided.

Use all **forms of communication** available to you – to inform Staff, public etc of the danger.