Why plan against terrorism?

There are obvious reasons why your business or organisation should plan to avoid terrorist acts, or at least to minimise their consequences.

These include:

Business continuity: ensuring that your business is able to cope with an incident or attack and return to normality as soon as possible;

Insurance: if you do not plan adequately, you may have to pay high premiums, or, in the worst case, you may not be able to get cover at all;

Legal obligations: the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 puts the onus on the owner or occupier of the premises to safeguard the safety of staff and visitors. Whilst the police and other agencies may offer advice, the responsibility to seek that advice and act upon it lies with the owner or occupier. Remember that in the event of an incident, your plans are likely to come under scrutiny in any subsequent inquiries or court proceedings. Under such circumstances, you will want to demonstrate that your plans took the relevant legislation into account.

Links

I hope that you take the time to visit the following links they are very useful tools. It is down to you to play your part and take the security of you, your staff and your Event/Guest seriously.

This link is to the London Prepared website. It is for the Business Continuity Plan 10 minute assessment.

http://www.londonprepared.gov.uk/business/businesscont/index.htm

It is more likely that you and your business will be affected indirectly by a terrorist attack than directly. There should be certain plans and procedure that you have in place to stop this impacting on your business and any of your events.

I highly recommend that you take the time to follow the above link on the website and take the Business Continuity Check.

It is a basic set of questions that you should have completed for the continued smooth running of your business in the event of a terrorist attack. As it says it should take you about 10 minutes so it is well worth a look even if you already have something in place as there could be a vital part that you have missed or inadvertently over looked

If you are still in any doubt as to why to have a Business Continuity plan please take a look at the Questions and Answers Section.

http://www.londonprepared.gov.uk/business/businesscont/qanda.htm

Probably the most useful resources link page that we use is on the MI5 website this will provide you with links to the websites of the MI5 main partners and other useful online resources.

It provides links to:-

UK Government Departments
UK Intelligence Agencies
Law Enforcement Agencies
International Terrorism
Security Advice
Contingency Planning / Resilience
Other Links

Resources:

Key Legislation
Oversight / Accountability
Security Advice / Business Continuity / Resilience

http://www.mi5.gov.uk/output/Page134.html#secadvice