COUNTER TERRORISM POLICING

UK Protect

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Protective Security Information for the Business Community

National Incident Notification

Improvised Explosive Devices Sent via Mail

The following message is sent on behalf of the National Coordinator Protect and Prepare.

Police are investigating three small improvised explosive devices which have been sent in the mail, addressed to transport hubs. A small fire was started when one of these packages was opened and the other devices appear to be designed to operate in the same way.

The packages are described as having a white outer plastic postal bag with a handwritten address. They are addressed to the transport hub and have two postal stamps with a heart motif. Inside the postal bag is a brown A5 Jiffy bag that contains the device.

The policing response to the incident is still ongoing and a further update will be provided, if appropriate, as more information becomes available.

Police are working closely with transport networks and companies in relation to this threat.

Images of the packaging that the devices were contained in are shown below:





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Members of the public should always remain alert to the danger of terrorism and report any suspicious activity to the police on 999 or via the confidential hotline: 0800 789 321.

Please monitor the MPS Twitter feed @metpoliceuk and news channels for more information.

Advice to assist you to identify suspect packages are contained in the links below:



Action Upon Discovery of any Suspicious Delivered Item

A summary of actions that can be taken by anyone should a suspicious article be identified.

Possible Indicators that a Delivered Item Might be of Concern

A list of bullet points providing advice in relation to identifying different types of threats that can be received through the mail.

Mail Screening Matters Toolkit

The "Mail Screening Matters Campaign" toolkit contains material to promote awareness and good practice within businesses and organisations in relation to mail screening including a summary of the indicators and appropriate action to take.

BSi PAS97:2015 Mail Screening and Security Guide

A tool to help take security managers through the necessary steps to achieve effective and appropriate mail screening measures for their business or organisation.



Action Counters Terrorism (ACT). It is an innovative 45-minute training scheme that could help prevent terror attacks and it covers how to spot the signs of suspicious behaviour and what to do if an attack should take place. Free to use, the package can be divided into short sections to suit business needs and it takes just three quarters of an hour to complete – 45 vital minutes that could save lives.

The ACT 2018 campaign was implemented to reinforce one particular message – that communities defeat terrorism. We encourage businesses to apply for registration and make us of this free resource.

For more information, please visit the National Counter Terrorism Security Office website here.

Summary of Current Terrorism Threat Levels

Current threat from international terrorism

The current threat level for international terrorism in the UK is **SEVERE**

Current threat from Northern Ireland–related terrorism: The threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism is set separately for Northern Ireland and Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland).

The current threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism in Northern Ireland is **SEVERE**

The current threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism in Britain is **MODERATE**

For more information on Threat Levels click here

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