



# The PREVENT Strategy

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The Prevent Strategy has three strategic objectives:

- respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
- prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support
- work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

**We support the PREVENT strategy by working within the school Safeguarding Policy to keep pupils safe from harm.**

The Government's Prevent strategy can be found at the following address:

[www.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk)

Terrorist groups often draw on extremist ideology, developed by extremist organisations.

Some people who join terrorist groups have previously been members of extremist organisations and have been radicalised by them.

Non-violent extremism can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists then exploit.

Preventing people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism requires challenge to extremist ideas where they are used to legitimise terrorism and are shared by terrorist groups.

The strategy also means intervening to stop people moving from extremist (legal) groups into terrorist-related activity.

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on schools, in the exercise of their functions, to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'.

The term 'due regard' is important here. It 'means that the authorities should place an appropriate amount of weight on the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism when they consider all the other factors relevant to how they carry out their usual functions.'

In its Prevent Strategy (June 2011), the government defines extremism as the:

'... vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.'

## Three key themes

The police, Local Authorities, and our partner organisations are working together to help strengthen and empower our communities to reject those who want to cause harm. We work together and focus on three key themes:

- Safeguarding vulnerable individuals through the provision of advice and support and intervention projects.
- Working closely with institutions such as Universities, Schools, Prisons, Health, Charities and faith establishments.
- Challenging terrorist ideology by working closely with other local and national agencies, partners and our communities

### **Prevent Team**

The Prevent Engagement Team of officers and police staff aim to encourage discussion ensuring that terrorism is prevented from taking root in our communities. They support the wider engagement activities already taking place in schools, places of worship and community groups.

Through this work they aim to strengthen communities in order to challenge the ideologies and messages of hate which lead to terrorism.

### **How you can help?**

It is important that we all work together, so that we can protect our communities. There are many ways you can help:

- You can get in touch with your local neighbourhood or Prevent team for advice and support, if you are worried about someone you know who you believe may be vulnerable to radicalisation
- You can speak to your local officers or Prevent contact about helping run community events to bring people from different communities together