



UK security threat level raised to “severe”

Following the incident in Liverpool on 14 November 2021, where an explosion occurred within a taxi outside of Liverpool Women’s Hospital, the [UK National Threat Level](#) has been raised from substantial to severe, meaning an attack is highly likely.

Although the motivation for the incident is not yet clear, it has been declared a terrorist incident. The decision to increase the threat level reflects this was the second terrorist incident in a month, following the fatal attack on Sir David Amess MP on 15 October 2021.

Police and security agencies are working tirelessly to protect the public, but it is also important that communities remain vigilant.

The advice from the police remains:

- Be alert, but not alarmed.
- Remain vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour or activity to the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321 or in an emergency dial 999.

What this means

Transport for London continues to work closely with both police and government agencies. We ask that you please remain vigilant.

Keeping yourselves and customers safe and secure is a key priority.

Items left in your vehicle are likely to be items passengers have left behind, but if you are suspicious of an unattended item, call the police immediately on 999 and follow their instructions.

You can use the [HOT process](#) to assess any unattended item.

It is also important to be aware of what is going on around you and of anything that seems different or unusual or doesn't feel right, or anyone that you think is acting suspiciously. It could be someone you know, a passenger or even someone or something you notice when you are driving that doesn't feel quite right.

You can report your concerns about suspicious activity to the confidential police anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321 or [online](#).

Don't worry about wasting police time or getting someone into trouble. The police will decide if the information you give is important and will treat it as private and confidential.

National Counter Terrorism policing has previously provided advice to the public and a [Stay Safe film](#) that set out the steps they can take to keep themselves safe in the rare event of a firearms or weapons attack.

Please stay safe.

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