

NPSA Video on Public Realm Design Guide for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation

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The National Protective Security Authority (NPSA) has released a new video to highlight the guidance on designing public spaces with consideration to Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM). It demonstrates some of the key messages in the existing guidance and explains how to mitigate the threats posed by vehicle attacks and techniques used by terrorists.

In recent years there have been several attacks on the public around the world using vehicles, causing deaths, injuries, and damage to property. Many towns and cities now deploy security barriers and other street furniture to help prevent attacks from vehicles.

To better protect people and property we need to integrate HVM into planning and site design. By reconfiguring a site layout, adapting existing features and by adding new mitigations, we could slow down approaching vehicles, restrict potential attack routes, and help save lives.

But it is also important that our surroundings remain open and inclusive, and that the addition of physical security measures designed to protect us are integrated and proportionate to the identified threat. NPSA's Public Realm Design Guide for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation guidance aims to provide clear and practical advice on how to recognise and manage the risks and provides urban design principles. It also includes guidance on the detailed design of typical streetscape elements.

What is the video in response to?

This video wasn't created in response to a specific incident or change in threat. The purpose of the video is to lead the audience to the guidance document and to be used to facilitate discussions during briefings or training exercises. Information on the [current threat landscape can be found on the MI5 website.](#)

Who is the video for?

It's aimed at architects and design professionals, their clients, Local Authorities, and venue managers and operators who are involved in the safety of the public realm and Publicly Accessible Locations (PALs).

Where can I find out more information?

Visit the [NPSA website](#) and search for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation or the Public Realm Guide for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation.

To find out more and to view the video*, visit the [Public Realm Design Guide for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation page](#).

** This film contains footage that some viewers may find distressing. viewer discretion is advised.*

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