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GENERAL ELECTION 2024 POLICE SECURITY AWARENESS



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‘Prevention is Better Than Cure’

Desiderius Erasmus (1466–1536)



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Where is the threat coming from?



- Criminals
- Fraudsters
- Antagonists
- Extremists
- Insider Threats
- Hostile States

Important to identify:

Who, What, Where, When, Why and How
you could be targeted?

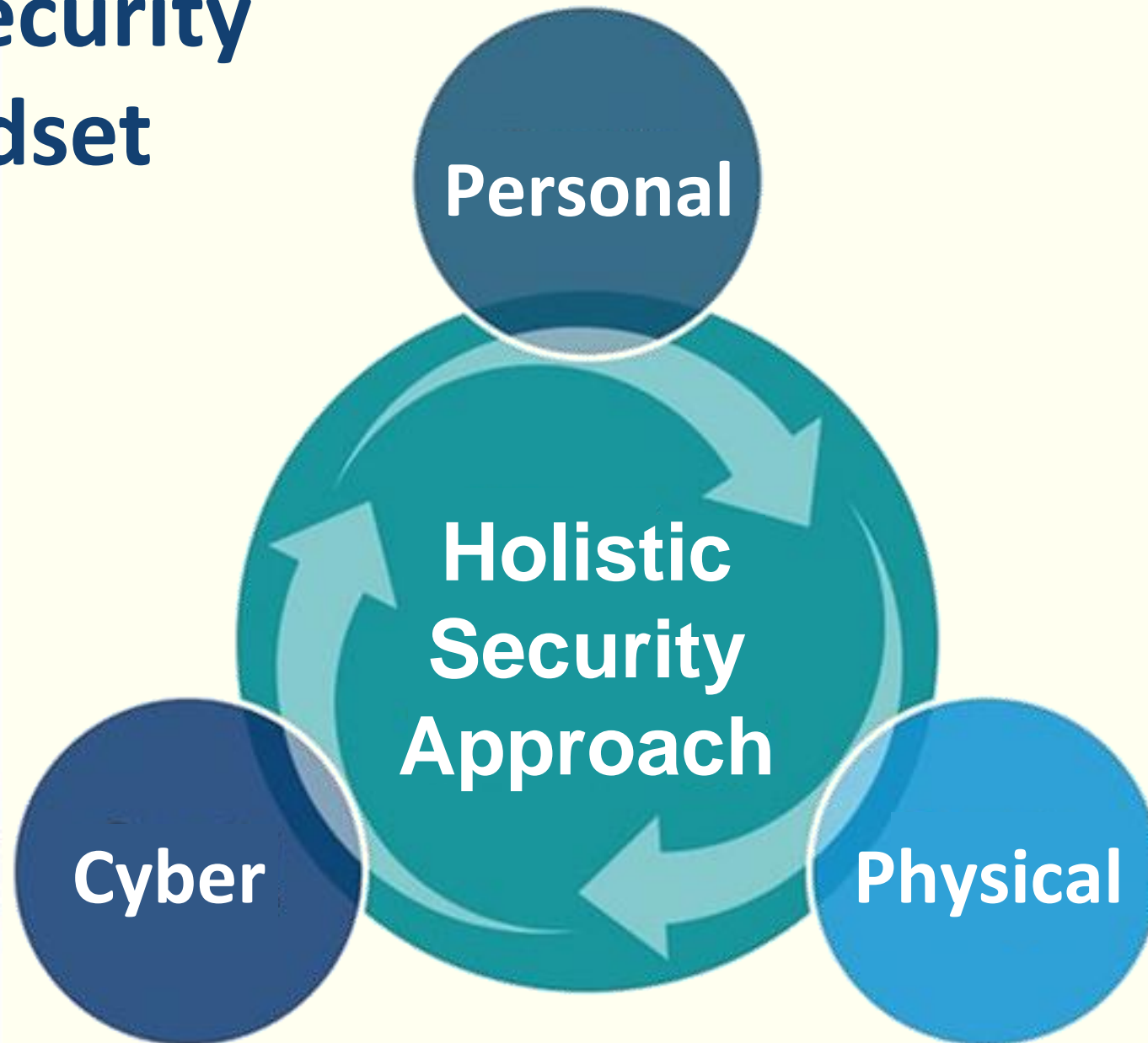
When are we vulnerable?

Every day situations where we may all be vulnerable:

- Arriving/departing home or work
- Entering/exiting a vehicle
- When regular journeys can be predicted
- When using tech
- Unusual/new surroundings
- Online interactions
- **When we are complacent**



Your Security Mindset



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Personal -

Safety considerations & precautions we employ in everyday life and our awareness of our environment

- Situational awareness - Understand what you see - Making informed decisions - Observation skills
- Situations develop quickly, re-evaluate to manage any developing threats

Physical -

Security features at a site - Locks - Lights - Alarms - Security teams

- Target hardening - Making something less of a target & improving the security posture
- Assess - **Utilise** - Improve

Cyber -

Protection of technology & networks from information disclosure, theft or damage

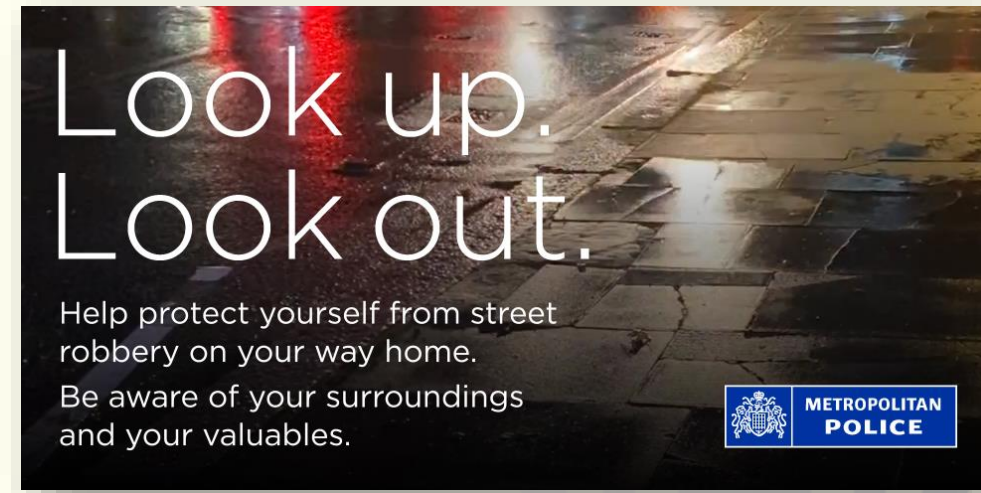
- Loss of sensitive information leaving individuals & organisations vulnerable to exploitation
- Can be used to Locate, monitor & exploit individuals from anywhere

Situational Awareness

Awareness of what is happening around you

Recognising threats to your safety and security

Identifying threats early = Quicker reaction to danger



- Look up & Look out - **SEE** not just **LOOK**
- **Check out - Before you step out !** - What is happening the other side of the door?
- Question everything - Is this genuine, am I being tricked?
- Tailored personal safety advice
- Is there a specific threat/risk to you?

BE ALERT

PLAN AHEAD

KNOW WHAT TO DO

Make Informed decisions & Trust your instincts

Situational Awareness

What does **'Normal'** look like? Is there a change in the environment? - What is different?

- Why have you noticed it?
- Is there a threat?
- What can you do about it?

Take **appropriate** action -
Report or record

Does it affect someone else -
Who can you tell?

Appear Confident!
- Even if you don't feel it

WHITE	Unprepared and unready to take action.
YELLOW	Prepared, alert, and relaxed. Good situational awareness.
ORANGE	Alert to probable danger. Ready to take action.
RED	Action mode. Focused on the emergency at hand.
BLACK	Panic. Breakdown of physical and mental performance.

BE ALERT – NOT ALARMED

Online Security

- Be Cyber aware - Know the vulnerabilities
- Online footprint - Know what is out there
- Malware discreetly installed - Links, messages PDF's (zero click)
- Digital footprint builds into the bigger picture
- Guard is dropped when not confronted with an obvious threat
- Latest phone security updates - Strong if software kept updated & adequate settings utilised
- Changes in your online reputation - Negative reviews, defamatory content, or false accusations circulating
- Spear Phishing - Contact from your known associates which seem unlike their usual tone or language
- Hack for Hire - Hostile states will utilise Criminal hackers



Social Media

- Valuable resource to potential aggressors
- Make yourself less searchable - Real names/spelling
- How aware are friends & family?
- Review account security & privacy settings - Who can see what ?
- Do you still know all of your contacts?
- Security minded communications - What detail is posted & is it necessary?
- Membership to online groups - Geographical/Organisational?
- Fake social media accounts using your name, photos, or other personal information - suspicious activity coming from your accounts.
- 'Report Abuse' Social media platforms have abuse reporting mechanisms



6 Ways to Improve Your Online Security

- Use a strong and separate password for your email
- Install the latest software and app updates
- Turn on 2-Step Verification (2SV)
- Password managers: Using browsers and apps to safely store your passwords
- Backing up your data
- Three random words - Passwords



www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware



CYBER GRIFFIN

Baseline Briefing

Baseline Briefing are designed to raise delegate's level of knowledge by providing accessible, effective advice. This City of London Police led, provides up to date and actionable information on the most prolific cyber attacks.

Key benefits:

- Free of charge, impartial, and practical cyber security advice.
- Provides all delegates with examples of current threats.
- Have specific questions answered by an experienced team.
- CPD® certified and NCSC assured training which contributes to professional development.

The services are provided **free of charge** and designed to be accessible to everyone, whether they have very little knowledge of cyber crime, or are individuals who hold IT security and risk management roles.

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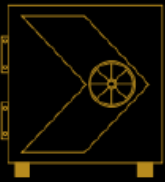
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Use government devices
for government business



Use strong and unique
passwords



Promptly install updates
on devices and apps



Get advice before
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Call

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for 24/7 incident support

Contact the NCSC by emailing
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For more information visit
[ncsc.gov.uk](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk)

Protect personal devices
and data



Enable two-step verification
on accounts



Review social media
privacy settings



Contact the NCSC if you're
concerned



Emergency SOS on Your Phone

- Modern Smart phones have an Emergency SOS feature, When activated, it will call local emergency services - Share location information and message emergency contacts
- Will work with location services turned off - Turning them on for up to 24hrs
- Alerts can be noisy or discreet

These features will need setting up, you should:

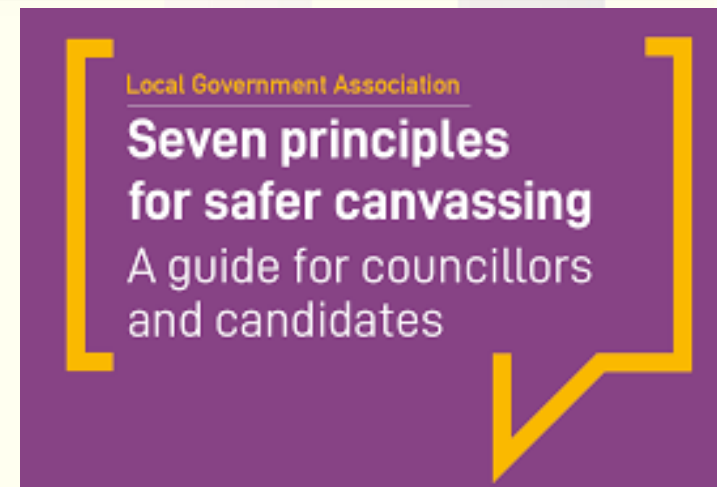
Research your phone model and its capabilities – Search ‘Emergency SOS (model number)’

- Know how it works & how to cancel if set off in error
- Set up emergency contacts
- Vehicles (Post 2018) Have an in built SOS button to contact the Emergency Services whilst mobile

Canvassing

For safe canvassing you should:

- Be prepared, not scared
- Focus on group safety
- Be security aware
- Keep a record
- Use technology to make canvassing safer
- Actively communicate with the team and set periodic check-ins
- Prioritise aftercare and set emergency protocols



Followed or Threatened in the Street

If you think you are being followed on foot or by a vehicle:

- Do not confront the individual
- Call the police and follow their directions, give them descriptions and the circumstances
- Do not go to your home address
- Stay on busier, well lit roads, with more chance of CCTV
- Go to a busy nearby public area e.g. Police station, Shopping area, hospitals
- Don't be afraid to ask strangers for help?



Public Confrontations

It is possible that you may be the subject of a public confrontation

If this does occur:

Stay calm - Such confrontations may feel intimidating but will not necessarily lead to a physical threat

Remain inside - Close and lock doors and windows and draw the curtains/blinds

Inform the police by dialling 999, also consider informing family members and colleagues

Do not respond or confront the individual (or groups)

If you feel concerned that the confrontation is becoming aggressive, and it is safe for you to do so, note descriptions of individuals and vehicles present so you can pass these onto the police.

When Should I Contact the Police?

The actions and behaviours listed below may constitute a criminal offence and should be brought to the attention of your local police.

- Communications, on or offline, which contain abusive or threatening language
- Repeated unwanted contact may constitute harassment or stalking
- Racial, homophobic or other discriminatory abuse or threats
- Fixation on you or an issue associated with your campaign

The following indicators may signal an escalation and should be brought to the immediate attention of the police:

- Threat of imminent violence
- Fixated ideas - If someone seems set on a certain course of action or is making a very specific type of threat or reference to a plan
- If you become aware that the individual has access to weapons or has weapons skills
- If the person releases personal information about you not already in the public domain

In an Emergency, The Advice is Always Call 999

An emergency is described as:

- A crime is in progress
- Someone is suspected of a crime is nearby
- When there is danger to life
- When violence is being used or threatened

If, in spite of the precautions adopted, an attack has been made or attempted, it is essential that:

- Police are alerted immediately
- You follow their advice/instruction
- Maintain the integrity of the scene (Do not touch or clean up anything)
- No information is given, other than to the police

In all other incidents, where a non-emergency response is required - call 101

Voters Registers - Full Or Open Register

Full Register - Published once a year & updated every month used for voting & law enforcement, courts, local authorities & credit referencing

Open / Edited Register - Updated & published every month and can be sold to any person

You can choose whether or not to have your personal details included in the open version - **Opt out**

With evidence of a threat / risk to life you can apply for anonymous registration

192.com collates information from voters & other sources and sells for a small fee. You can request your details are not disclosed

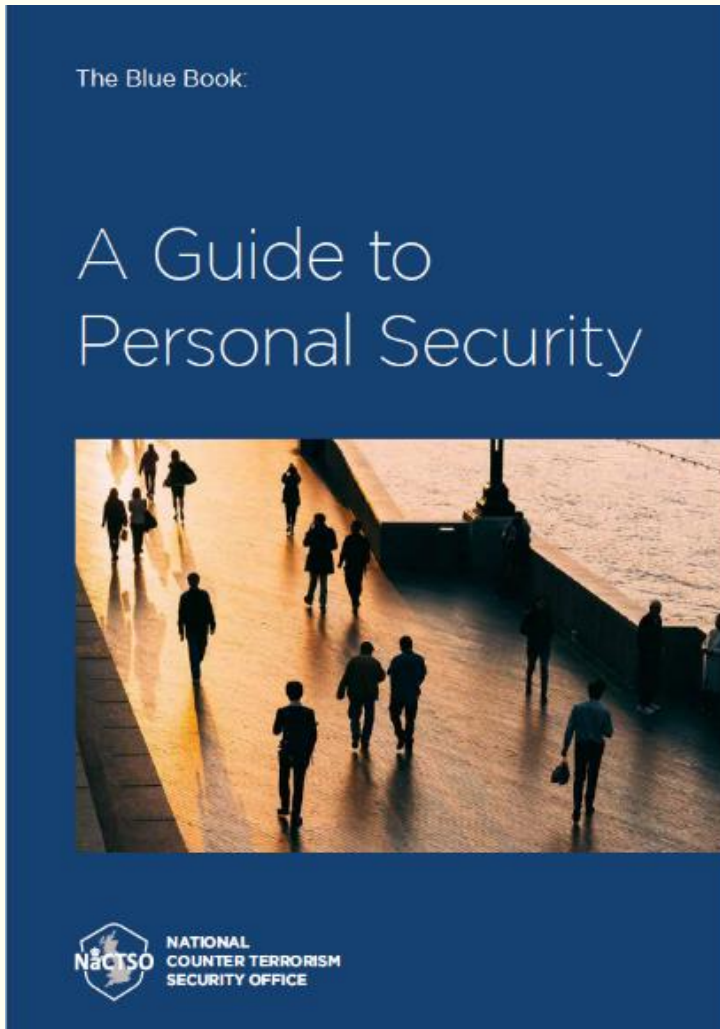
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The Blue Book: A Guide to Personal Security



Guidance document for practical Security advice aimed at a generic audience

Awareness & threat mitigation advice around:

- Home Security
- Security away from home & travel
- Working away from home
- IT security & online coms
- Publicity & media
- Other threat areas - Weapons / postal / bomb threat

Links to partner groups for further reference - Infographics included

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