

SECURITY BULLETIN

FOR THE BRITISH JEWISH COMMUNITY



15th February 2015

Copenhagen Terrorist Attacks

CST is deeply saddened by the shooting at 0045hrs (local time) on 15 February at the main synagogue in Copenhagen. This following a previous attack on a meeting in the same city on 14 February.

The news that a security guard was killed in the shooting at the synagogue is especially upsetting for everyone at CST. We express our solidarity with everyone who helps to protect Jewish communities all over the world, and thank all of those who assist and cooperate with this important task.

The guard was killed protecting his community. Approximately 80 people were inside the synagogue at the time of the shooting, celebrating a Bat Mitzvah. We are grateful for all the expressions of support for CST and for our volunteers that we have received.

The shootings in Copenhagen confirm the ongoing terrorist threat to European Jewish communities that was seen in Paris last month, in Brussels last year and in Toulouse in 2012. It is the reason why the UK Police altered its risk assessment for the UK Jewish community following the attacks in Paris and we have been in constant contact with Police as part of our ongoing assessment of the risk that our communities face.

CST asks everybody who is attending a Jewish building or event to cooperate with the instructions of the security officers and Police. We also request that all communal locations ensure security measures are strictly implemented at this difficult time.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

SECURITY REMINDERS

CST continues to ask members of the community to:

- Be alert for suspicious people and activities including parked cars and unattended items
- Challenge (if it is safe to do so) and report suspicious people
- Prevent members of the community congregating outside communal buildings and events
- Prevent 'tailgating' – someone following close behind and attempting to gain access to the building when gates or doors are opened
- Volunteer for security rotas at communal buildings – *security is everybody's responsibility*

CST remains at its second highest level of alert and urges the community to report all antisemitic incidents and any suspicious activities immediately. This information will help CST and the Police to ensure that the community is able to conduct its activities in peace and comfort.

For security advice and guidance, or to report an incident, please contact CST on the following numbers

London & Southern Regions 020 8457 9999

Emergency (24-hour) 0800 032 3260

Manchester & Northern Regions 0161 792 6666

Emergency (24-hour) 0800 980 0668

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL THE POLICE ON 999, THEN CALL CST
General information is available on our website www.cst.org.uk