



Guidance for Musicians – Terrorist Attacks targeting music venues

Although there is no explicit need for concern, the recent terrorist attacks at the Bataclan in Paris and at the Arena in Manchester have demonstrated that music venues and gigs can occasionally be an attractive target for terrorists.

The following advice is therefore intended for gigging and/or touring musicians to ensure that members are aware of how best to protect themselves and others in the event of an incident.

- You might start to see heightened security checks – ‘pat downs, bag searches’- these are for your safety and you may take a little longer to get in than normal. The security teams are another very important part of the production.
- **Backstage** - All crew and those involved in production will have ID. Is everyone wearing it?
- Tag your own bag and be aware of any unattended bags. With the amount of kit, flight cases, instruments and technical equipment involved it’s easy to miss a lone bag. If it looks out of place then **ASK**: ‘Who does it belong to?’ Apply this principle: **HOT** – Has the object been deliberately **HIDDEN**, is there an **OBVIOUS** threat (wires/timer) is it **TYPICAL**?
- All venues should have a thorough **Health and Safety briefing** upon arrival. If this doesn’t happen, ask.
- It is worth working out what your route would be from the stage or dressing/green room to a **safe place**? Familiarise yourself with the route and the safe place. You could be finding your way in the dark.
- The UK National Police Chief’s Council has prepared short briefing notes for people caught up in a terrorist attack at their workplace. Visit www.npcc.police.uk/staysafe. Their advice is: **RUN, HIDE, TELL**.
- **RUN** –to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there is nowhere to go then...
- **HIDE** – It’s better to hide than to confront. **TURN YOUR PHONE TO SILENT AND TURN OFF VIBRATE**. Finally when it is safe to do so....
- **TELL** – the police. **Call 999**
- If you are ever unfortunate enough to be involved in such an event, don’t be afraid to seek help. Trauma counselling is available to crews and bands. Things happen on tours which affect us as people, never be afraid to share these concerns and **take care of yourself**.

UK National Anti-terrorist Hotline 0800 789 321