

“Better education is better prevention, protection and response to various types of terrorist threats and incidents that may occur in religious places, including attacks with chemical biological and radiological materials.”

D 7.1 The strategy of the security awareness-raising campaigns

How to react to an attack?

Preamble

Religious sites are considered to be especially vulnerable to attacks due to their accessibility and the fact that there are usually limited security measures applied.

ProSPeReS project is aimed at increasing the level of protection in places of worship by keeping the balance between security measures and preservation of the open nature of religious sites.

WARNING

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“We are all actors in our own safety and that of others.”

Run, hide, tell

React in the event of a terrorist attack! These behaviours can save your life, before help arrives.

“Better to know.”



RUN

Escape, if you can

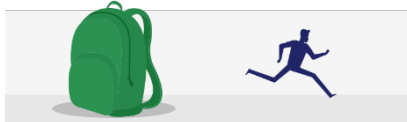


- Consider the safest options;
- Is there a safe route? RUN, if not HIDE;
- Can you get there without exposing yourself to greater danger?

Help other people to escape, but don't let their indecision slow you down



Leave belongings behind



Do not attempt to film the incident – RUN!



Alert people around you and deter them from entering the danger zone



HIDE

If you cannot run, HIDE

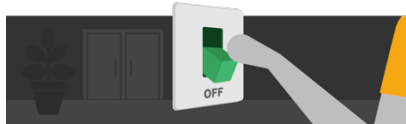


- Find cover from gunfire e.g., substantial brickwork / heavy reinforced walls;
- If you can see the attacker, they may be able to see you. Cover from view does not mean you are safe. Bullets go through glass, brick, wood and metal.

You must still hide, even if you are behind a locked door



Turn off light and mute the devices



Be quiet, silence your phone and turn off vibrate



Lock / barricade yourself in and move away from the door



TELL

Call 112



- If you cannot speak or make a noise, listen to the instructions given to you by the call taker.

What do the police need to know?



- What's happening?
- Where exactly?
- Where are the suspects?
- Description of suspects;
- Info about casualties / hostages;
- Info about the building / surroundings.

Follow police instructions



- Remain calm;
- Avoid sudden movements that may be considered a threat;
- Keep your hands open and in view.

Police may...



- Point guns at you;
- Treat you firmly;
- Question you;
- Be unable to distinguish you from the attacker;
- Officers will evacuate you when it is safe to do so.