

BTD · School Readiness Audit

MARTYN'S LAW PREPAREDNESS SELF-ASSESSMENT

Protection of Premises Act 2025 · For Secondary Schools, Academies & Further Education Establishments

Before you read another word, ask yourself one question:

If a student or staff member suffered a catastrophic bleed in your school today — right now — does every adult on site know exactly what to do in the first three minutes?

If you hesitated before answering — this audit is for you. If you answered yes with complete confidence — this audit will prove it.

WHAT MARTYN'S LAW REQUIRES OF YOUR SCHOOL

Standard Duty (up to 799 capacity)	Document, plan and implement reasonable and practicable procedures for terrorist events — including staff training in first response.
Enhanced Duty (800+ capacity)	All of the above, PLUS a documented security officer, formal risk assessment, CCTV, public address system, and trained first response team.
All schools	Martyn's Law applies to any premises used by the public. Most secondary schools and academies fall within scope. Ignorance is not a defence.
Enforcement	The Security Industry Authority (SIA) will oversee compliance. Non-compliant venues face improvement notices, financial penalties, and reputational consequences.

SCHOOL DETAILS — COMPLETE BEFORE STARTING

School name: _____

Head Teacher / Designated Lead: _____

Date completed: _____ Reviewed by: _____

Total site capacity (approx): _____ Martyn's Law tier (Standard / Enhanced): _____

SECTION 1 — STAFF TRAINING & FIRST RESPONSE CAPABILITY

AREA	REQUIREMENT	YES	PARTIAL	NO	NOTES / ACTION
First Aid	Does your school have qualified first aiders on site at all times during the school day?	■	■	■	<i>Legal minimum. Ensure cover for absences.</i>
Bleed Control	Has any staff member received catastrophic bleed control training (tourniquet, wound packing)?	■	■	■	<i>Not covered in standard first aid. Requires specialist training.</i>
REACH	Do staff know the correct sequence: bleeding before airway, airway before CPR?	■	■	■	<i>Most first aid courses teach the wrong order for trauma.</i>

AREA	REQUIREMENT	YES	PARTIAL	NO	NOTES / ACTION
CPR	Are staff trained in hands-only and 30:2 CPR with correct 1/3 chest depth compression?	■	■	■	5–6cm figure is outdated — 1/3 of chest depth is current guidance.
AED	Do all designated first responders know how to operate the school AED confidently?	■	■	■	Hesitation at the AED costs lives. Practical training is essential.
Refresher	Has first response training been refreshed within the last 12 months?	■	■	■	Skills decay rapidly without reinforcement.

SECTION 2 — EQUIPMENT & RESOURCES

AREA	REQUIREMENT	YES	PARTIAL	NO	NOTES / ACTION
Bleed Kit	Does the school have a dedicated catastrophic bleed control kit (tourniquet, haemostatic gauze, gloves)?	■	■	■	Standard first aid kits do not include bleed control equipment.
AED	Is there a functioning AED on site with pads within expiry date?	■	■	■	Check expiry dates quarterly. Register your AED on The Circuit.
AED Location	Is the AED location known to ALL staff — not just first aiders?	■	■	■	In cardiac arrest, every second finding the AED costs survival.
Kit Access	Is bleed control equipment accessible within 60 seconds from any area of the school?	■	■	■	A kit locked in the office is not accessible when needed.
Signage	Is emergency equipment clearly signed and visible throughout the site?	■	■	■	Visitors and supply staff must be able to locate it independently.

SECTION 3 — EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & DOCUMENTATION

AREA	REQUIREMENT	YES	PARTIAL	NO	NOTES / ACTION
Emergency Plan	Does your school have a documented emergency response plan covering terrorist incidents and mass casualty events?	■	■	■	Required under Martyn's Law Standard Duty.
Lockdown	Has a lockdown procedure been tested within the last 12 months?	■	■	■	Procedures not practised are procedures that will fail.
Communication	Is there a clear communication protocol for alerting all staff simultaneously in an emergency?	■	■	■	Shouting into a corridor is not a protocol.
Delegation	Does your emergency plan assign specific roles to named individuals — not just job titles?	■	■	■	Vague responsibility creates bystander paralysis under stress.
Documentation	Is your compliance documentation up to date and accessible for SIA inspection?	■	■	■	The SIA can request evidence of compliance at any time.
Review	Has your emergency plan been reviewed and updated in the last 12 months?	■	■	■	Plans based on last year's staffing are already out of date.
External Training	Is external specialist training documented with certificates retained on file?	■	■	■	Verbal training with no documentation has no compliance value.

AREA	REQUIREMENT	YES	PARTIAL	NO	NOTES / ACTION
Governor Sign-off	Has your governing body formally acknowledged and approved the school's Martyn's Law compliance position?	■	■	■	Governors carry personal accountability under the Act.

SCORING YOUR AUDIT — WHAT YOUR ANSWERS MEAN

Count the number of YES answers across all three sections. Be honest — a partial 'yes' counts as a NO.

SCORE YOUR SCHOOL	WHAT IT MEANS	WHAT TO DO
16–20 YES answers	COMPLIANT Your school meets Martyn's Law requirements.	Book refresher training annually. Document your compliance.
9–15 YES answers	PARTIALLY COMPLIANT Significant gaps remain. You are exposed.	Prioritise the NO answers. Book BTD training within 30 days.
0–8 YES answers	NON-COMPLIANT Serious legal and safeguarding exposure.	This is urgent. Contact BTD today: 07356 271 544

You already know what the right answer is.

You are a professional who cares about the safety of the young people in your school. You have just identified — in black and white — the gaps between where your school is and where it needs to be.

The question is no longer whether the training is needed. You have already answered that.

The only question left is: **how long are you prepared to leave those gaps open?**

Every day without bleed control training is a day when the outcome of a knife incident, an accident, or an attack in your school depends entirely on luck. You would not accept luck as a safeguarding strategy in any other context.

The schools that act on this audit are the ones that are ready. The ones that file it are the ones that weren't.

WHAT BEYOND THE DOORS TRAINING DELIVERS FOR SCHOOLS

REACH Protocol	Catastrophic bleeding and life support response — the complete emergency sequence. Designed for non-clinical staff.
CALM	Conflict & Aggression Lifecycle Management — Control the Situation, Assess the Threat, Listen & De-escalate, Manage Outcomes Safely. Specialist conflict instructors.
Martyn's Law Suite	School compliance packages combining CALM and REACH — full documentation provided. Delivered in accordance with safeguarding legislation.

Ready to close the gaps?

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This audit is a starting point — not a destination. Certified training with documented outcomes is what Martyn's Law compliance actually looks like.