

# Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

## What is Prevent?

Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It is a national strategy aiming to stop people supporting terrorism or becoming violent extremists. Channel is the process that supports people at risk of being drawn towards terrorism or violent extremism.

## All forms of extremism

Prevent aims to deal with all forms of extremism including far right racist extremism, animal rights extremism & religious extremism.

## Possible risk factors

- Isolation and social exclusion
- Victim of bullying or hate crime
- Family tensions
- Search for personal identity
- Influence/exploitation via the internet
- Extrovert behaviour glorifying violence
- Race & hate crimes
- Personal grievances

## Possible signs of radicalisation

- Notable changes in behaviour
- Lack of self esteem
- Expressing extreme political or radical views
- Increasingly sympathetic to terrorist's acts
- Change in appearance
- Change of friends
- Spends excessive time on their own or on the internet

## How to make a referral

By raising your concerns & making a referral using the [National Prevent Referral Form](#) to [preventreferrals@met.police.uk](mailto:preventreferrals@met.police.uk) and [childrensfirstcontactservice@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfirstcontactservice@sutton.gov.uk).

You can help someone you believe is at risk of radicalisation get support and prevent them becoming involved in potentially violent activities, long before any criminal activity occurs.

For guidance, consult your Prevent Practice Lead or Sutton's Prevent Lead at [prevent@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:prevent@sutton.gov.uk).

If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, trust your instincts and call the confidential Anti-terrorist Hotline: 0800789321. In an emergency, always call 999.

## Seeking Advice

Similar to any other safeguarding issues, any concerns that a person or their family may be at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism, should be raised with the individual agency safeguarding lead and/or consult with the Prevent Practice Lead (if available).

### Regarding a Child

Where there are concerns that a child is at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism, please [contact the Children's First Contact Centre](#) (CFCS) for advice.

Details on making a referral are on the previous page.

If you are a Children Social Care Worker and need advice regarding the assessment of risk in relation to extremism and support to identify appropriate interventions is provided, please contact the Children's Services Safeguarding Practice Lead:

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### Regarding an Adult

Where there are concerns that an adult is at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism, please [contact the Prevent Lead for Sutton](#) for advice.

Details on making a referral are on the previous page.

If you are an Adult Social Care worker and need advice regarding the assessment of risk in relation to extremism and support to identify appropriate interventions, please contact the Prevent Practice Lead:

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## Useful links

[Sutton Statutory Prevent Duty](#)

[HM Government Prevent Duty Guidance](#)

[The National Police Counter Terrorism Network](#)

[Home Office Prevent awareness e-learning](#)

[Home Office Prevent Duty Training](#)