



London 2012 Information Update

Olympic Safety and Security Watch



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The torch continues to travel across the country and crowds still continue to increase despite the awful weather heaped upon it. In discussions with police officers who have been out with the team they are continually surprised by the enthusiasm of the crowds. They noted that people came out of offices about half an hour before the torch was due to run through town/city centres meaning the crowds were about 10 people deep.

This means that businesses across the board need to begin to think how they will manage when the torch hits London (or the town in which you're based) and we are advising that you start talking within your business (if you aren't already) about how you will manage these days, the crowds and keep going about your business. One area to look at will be, what time is the torch relay arriving at or near my business? Will staff be able to get in or out?

This will be vitally important on the 26th July when the torch hits central London, highlighting iconic sites across the area and will no doubt be large scale. You only have to see the support for some of the torch bearers who have battled adversity to run their leg to see how big an impact the event already is.

Metropolitan Police Request for information: On 27th July the torch will progress along the Thames to City Hall prior to the evening opening ceremony. The Games (football) will have started on 25th. Can I ask for indications generally about early closures to allow staff to travel out of town, are staff requesting time off, indications of events known within your business. This will just help us understand the bigger picture.

Four weeks to go.

After all the talking and discussion we are into the final straight. Through the CSSC (Cross Sector Safety and Security Communication) team, a checklist has been produced which you will find enclosed, and also loaded onto the CSSC website. The aim of the document is to allow you to go through the risk areas identified and cross check against your plans.

We must stress that there is no specific intelligence but it seems prudent to do this work now when we have the time to do so, and it will outlast the Olympics. The links in the checklist document will take you to readily available documents which can help you prepare. It includes non-police areas via LRT and after recent freak weather I do not think we can discount any of this at present.

This summer, the eyes of the world will be focused on London, as the capital provides the main stage for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

With such interest and a huge influx of visitors to the capital, few businesses in London will be unaffected by the Games and all will need to consider any safety and security implications, making the necessary preparations where appropriate. This covers not only the physical security of premises, but also the safety of individuals at their place of work and as they move around for business or leisure purposes.



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