



Counter-Terrorism and National Security

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Introduction:

Counter-terrorism and national security management across prevention, protection and preparedness is the subject of this 10-day course for security, police, intelligence analysis, critical infrastructure and emergency management managers, who build a Multi-Agency Counter-Terrorism Preparedness Plan for a case city. Terrorist threats exploit the gaps between agencies, so prevention work, protective security, financial controls and crisis response are often planned separately and exercised too rarely. Nominees already manage security, policing or emergency functions, and teaching is by case study at policy and management level. CoreConcept Training Center delivers this counter-terrorism course.

Course Objectives:

- Explain terrorism, violent extremism and radicalisation drivers at a conceptual level and brief senior leaders on the current threat landscape
- Align a unit's counter-terrorism activity with the prevent, protect, pursue and prepare pillars and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy
- Assess terrorist threat and set priorities linked to threat levels using intent, capability and vulnerability judgements
- Plan preventing violent extremism, rehabilitation and counter-narrative measures with community, online and statutory partners
- Specify protective security, insider threat and terrorist financing controls that respect legal frameworks and human rights safeguards
- Coordinate multi-agency information sharing, crisis response, consequence management and exercises, and record lessons learned

Target Audience:

- Security managers responsible for protecting crowded places, campuses and public venues
 - Police and law enforcement managers who coordinate counter-terrorism prevention and response activity
 - Intelligence analysis managers who produce terrorism threat assessments for decision makers
 - Critical infrastructure managers accountable for operator security plans and threat-level responses
 - Emergency management managers who plan consequence management and multi-agency exercises
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Course Outline:

Day 1: Terrorism, Violent Extremism and the National Security Context

- Terrorism and Violent Extremism Definitions in International Law Debates
- Drivers Model of Push, Pull and Enabling Factors
- Radicalisation Pathway Models at Conceptual Level for Managers
- Threat Landscape and Terrorist Financing Overview for Managers
- National Security Architecture Mapping of Agencies and Mandates

Day 2: Counter-Terrorism Strategy Frameworks and Pillars

- UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Four Pillars Reviewed
- Prevent, Protect, Pursue and Prepare Strategy Pillar Model
- National Counter-Terrorism Strategy Comparison Across Three Jurisdictions
- Criminal Justice Approach to Terrorism and Rule of Law
- Strategy Ownership, Governance Board and Pillar Lead Roles

Day 3: Threat Assessment, Threat Levels and Risk Prioritisation

- Threat Assessment Method Combining Intent, Capability and Opportunity
- Threat Level Systems and Response Level Mapping
- Terrorism Risk Register with Likelihood and Impact Scoring
- Indicators and Warnings Framework for Strategic Early Warning
- Threat Assessment Briefing Note Structure for Decision Makers

Day 4: Preventing Violent Extremism, Online Extremism and Counter-Narratives

- Preventing Violent Extremism Action Plan and Community Partnerships
- Safeguarding Referral Pathway and Multi-Agency Vulnerability Panel
- Disengagement, Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programme Design Principles
- Online Extremist Content Ecosystems and Platform Moderation Policy
- Counter-Narrative and Alternative Narrative Campaign Planning Canvas

Day 5: Guided Case Study on Threat and Prevention Strategy

- Case City Briefing Pack with Threat and Community Data
 - Case City Threat Assessment and Threat Level Recommendation
 - Prevention Gap Analysis Against the Four Strategy Pillars
 - Counter-Narrative Campaign Outline for Case City Audiences
 - Week-One Strategy Note Peer Review and Revision
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Day 6: Protective Security, Insider Threat and Hostile Reconnaissance Awareness

- Protective Security Strategy for Crowded Places and Public Venues
- Critical Infrastructure Protection Linkage at Overview Level
- Insider Threat Governance and Personnel Security Vetting Policy
- Hostile Reconnaissance Awareness and Reporting Culture for Site Managers
- Security-Minded Communication and Deterrence Messaging for Public Sites

Day 7: Legal Frameworks, Human Rights Safeguards and Terrorist Financing Controls

- Counter-Terrorism Legislation Elements and Proscription Regimes Compared
- Human Rights Safeguards, Proportionality and Independent Oversight Mechanisms
- FATF Standards on Countering Terrorist Financing for Managers
- Targeted Financial Sanctions and Non-Profit Sector Risk Linkage
- Accountability, Complaints Handling and Legitimacy Risk Assessment

Day 8: Multi-Agency Coordination, Information Sharing and Public Communication

- Multi-Agency Coordination Structure and Joint Command Principles
- Information Sharing Agreements, Classification and Need-to-Know Rules
- Public-Private Partnership Model with Venue and Business Operators
- Crisis Communication and Public Warning Messaging After Attacks
- Community Reassurance and Cohesion Plan After an Incident

Day 9: Crisis Response, Consequence Management, Exercises and Lessons Learned

- Consequence Management Framework for Casualties, Continuity and Recovery
- Victim and Family Support Coordination Arrangements
- Counter-Terrorism Exercise Cycle Design from Tabletop to Live
- After-Action Review Method and Lessons Learned Register
- Preparedness Maturity Indicators and Performance Measures for Pillars

Day 10: Capstone Case Study on a Multi-Agency Counter-Terrorism Preparedness Plan

- Case City Scenario Injects and Multi-Agency Role Allocation
 - Capstone Threat Picture and Pillar Priorities for the Case City
 - Capstone Protective Security and Prevention Action Matrix
 - Capstone Response and Consequence Management Coordination Timeline
 - Multi-Agency Counter-Terrorism Preparedness Plan Completion and Presentation
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Skills You Will Gain:

- Terrorism Threat Assessment
- Strategy Pillar Alignment
- Radicalisation Risk Awareness
- Counter-Narrative Planning
- Insider Threat Governance
- Human Rights Proportionality Review
- Multi-Agency Coordination
- Exercise and Lessons Learned Management

Why Attend This Course:

- Deliver a Multi-Agency Counter-Terrorism Preparedness Plan to the head of security and partner agency leads for a case city
- Decide which threat-level responses, prevention measures and protective controls to prioritise when resources are limited
- Avoid duplicated effort, unshared warnings and legal challenge caused by uncoordinated or disproportionate counter-terrorism measures
- Brief colleagues using the threat assessment template, pillar matrix and after-action review method from the course

Conclusion:

Back at work, the participant presents the Multi-Agency Counter-Terrorism Preparedness Plan to the head of security, the police lead and partner agencies, who use it to agree threat-level responses, prevention priorities and coordination arrangements. Site managers adopt the protective security and reporting measures, and emergency planners schedule the first joint exercise from it. After that exercise, the unit should review the after-action findings, update the threat assessment and lessons learned register, and revise the actions and owners in the plan.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ:

What should participants know before a counter-terrorism and national security course?

Participants should already manage security, policing, intelligence analysis, critical infrastructure or emergency functions. No prior counter-terrorism training is needed. Anonymised examples of their organisation's threat assessments, security plans or exercise reports help during the case study.

How does this counter-terrorism and national security course differ from a physical security or organised crime course?

It addresses terrorism strategy across prevention, protection, legal safeguards and response at policy level. Site security design, crime network investigation and financial compliance controls appear only briefly, as inputs managers draw on when planning counter-terrorism preparedness.

Why do counter-terrorism and national security strategies need human rights safeguards?

Safeguards keep counter-terrorism measures lawful, proportionate and accountable, which protects public trust and community cooperation. The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy treats respect for human rights and the rule of law as a fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism.

What do participants take back from the counter-terrorism and national security course?

Participants return with a Multi-Agency Counter-Terrorism Preparedness Plan for a case city, including a threat assessment, pillar priorities, protective and prevention actions, a coordination timeline and an exercise schedule, ready to adapt to their own organisation.
