



Martyn's Law: Bodet Time can help you protect your school

Martyn's Law, also known as the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, was introduced in the House of Commons in September 2024. At the time of writing, it has passed its third reading without division and is undergoing scrutiny by the House of Lords. This UK-wide measure will introduce security requirements to certain public venues holding more than 200 people. This includes educational settings like schools and colleges.

What can you do to prepare?

To meet the proposed law's requirements, every setting must have an effective lockdown procedure in place detailing clear instructions and communicating them to all participants. When an alert is triggered, all staff and pupils must stay in the safest place. This may mean evacuating, relocating within the building or staying in the same place.

What should your lockdown procedure look like?

A lockdown procedure has many different elements. As well as triggering alerts, it may include aspects like closing blinds, switching off interactive whiteboards or taking a register.

As part of creating an effective procedure, you should be able to answer questions like: Where is the lockdown system? How will you test it? How will you communicate it? Who is accountable?

Make sure you provide clear instructions, with regular training (every term) so all staff and pupils understand what they must do. Ideally, you should issue a method of triggering the alert to all members of the senior leadership team and other relevant staff members.

How can Bodet Time support you?

We recognise the challenges that schools face with Martyn's Law. Our flexible, customisable lockdown alert solution will help ensure that everyone in your team knows precisely how to respond during an emergency.

Amongst other features, it allows you to:

- Trigger a fully tailored alert simultaneously across multiple buildings on site, via a control box, PC or smartphone
- Pre-record messages to save time and ensure you transmit a calm message, or use a live announcement if required
- Broadcast alerts in a variety of ways, including text display and luminous strobes, to reach anyone with visual or hearing impairments

Are you ready to protect your staff and pupils? Our team are happy to visit your site and provide a personalised quote for an effective solution.

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