



**Challenging  
extremist  
ideology**

**Supporting  
vulnerable  
people**

**Working with  
institutions  
and sectors**

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## What is Prevent?

Prevent aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It is part of the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy.

## What is terrorism?

Terrorism is the unlawful use of violence or a threat of violence to support a belief or ideology.

## What is extremism?

Extremism is the use of extreme behaviour to support a belief or ideology. Not all extremism is harmful or criminal, but sometimes those who behave in an extreme way can go on to become terrorists.

## Prevention is better than the cure

The Hampshire Constabulary Prevent Team, in partnership with local authorities and other partnership agencies, is working to stop people becoming or supporting terrorists. We are doing this by building stronger, safer communities who feel empowered to reject extremism and terrorism in all its forms.

## The threat

Although extremely rare in the UK, terrorism is a danger to us all. The communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight can be threatened by a minority of people who encourage or glorify violence in the name of a political ideology or a religion. The most severe threat to the UK is currently from people returning from international war zones such as Syria and Iraq. Other threats include people who espouse racist or anti-religious views thereby stirring up hatred which can lead to violence.

## Our aim

We want to help people, to prevent them from being drawn into terrorism or extremist violence. We do this by supporting those people who are vulnerable to becoming extremists; by working with sectors and institutions and also by challenging extremist ideologies. Safeguarding options are used to ensure that the individual is protected and that our communities remain safe.

## Contact us

If you have any concerns about an individual, please call us on the Hampshire Constabulary non-emergency number, **101**, or email us at **[prevent.engagement@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:prevent.engagement@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)**.

Alternatively, call the Anti-Terrorism Hotline on **0800 789 321**.

## If you see extremist material online

The internet is used by some people to promote terrorism and extremism. Hampshire Constabulary is committed to protecting citizens but we rely on people to tell us about it. Visit **[www.direct.gov.uk/reportingonlineterrorism](http://www.direct.gov.uk/reportingonlineterrorism)**, which is a dedicated web page where you can report online content you think might be illegal or which you find offensive.

**STOPPING PEOPLE SUPPORTING TERRORISM**

Call Hampshire Constabulary on **101**  
In an emergency always call **999**

For more information visit **[www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)**

