

EXAMPLE SECURITY MANAGER BLOG POST

Security and our buildings

Today's date

We are all aware from recent internal communications that the threat from international terrorism means that UK interests, here and elsewhere, are increasingly likely to become targets.

In light of recent questions as to what we are doing to safeguard our staff, I thought I would provide an update about some of the security measures we have in place and how these fit with the wider 'Together we've got it covered' security awareness campaign.

The physical defences around our buildings are robust and form the core line of defence with our professional officer cadre at the heart of keeping us all safe. Additionally, we have a range of technical assets that support the security department.

Being in the location we are means that we often get protests in the vicinity of our sites. While these are not typically aimed against us, staff should be vigilant when approaching and leaving our buildings and be guided by any instructions from the security department.

We work with our neighbours and the council to try and find out about any planned works in the area in order to minimise disruption and we hold meetings with the local police, who provide advice and support where appropriate.

This is a joint effort in which we can all play our part, by both flagging anything that appears suspicious (as it is happening). Being security aware and portraying a strong security culture around our buildings is part of our 'defences' – and we can all play our part in this.

But our security awareness of course needs to stretch beyond our buildings and we in security are in close dialogue with our counterparts – who are in turn enhancing their security posture and encouraging their people to be security aware and vigilant.

We are always actively reviewing our security around our buildings and looking at ways to enhance it while enabling business delivery. If you have views, suggestions or feel that there is a vulnerability, then please feel free to drop me a line. We cannot share all of the security architecture and procedures with everyone (obviously!) but I will aim to continue to provide a flavour of what we are doing and thinking about in security.

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