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London 2012

# A safe and secure Games for all





# A summer of celebration

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The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games promise to be the greatest sporting events in UK history. Opening on 27 July and going right through to 9 September, the Games will see more than 14,000 athletes from 200 nations competing at over 30 venues in London and around the country.

All this will go on alongside regular events such as Wimbledon and the Notting Hill Carnival, as well as the celebrations for Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

LONDON WELCOMES THE WORLD

The London 2012 Games will be the biggest sporting event in UK history.



## Keeping you informed

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- 9 million tickets will be on sale
- 14,000 athletes from 200 countries
- 27,500 members of the media
- 9,800 team officials
- 26 Olympic sports in 34 venues
- 20 Paralympic sports in 21 venues

**We will only be able to deliver a safe and secure Games if we have the confidence and support of the people who live and work in the communities where they are held. People like you.**

That's why we are committed to keeping you informed about security planning in the run-up to and during the London 2012 Games. As well as leaflets like this, we will be talking to local people and building links with communities to address specific concerns, ensure that security measures are well understood, and gain their confidence and support.

### Find out more

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Watch out for more information on Olympic security by visiting [www.security.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism-strategy/olympics2012/](http://www.security.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism-strategy/olympics2012/)

or email the Olympic and Paralympic Security Directorate at the Home Office on [OSD@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:OSD@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)



# A safe and secure Games

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**The UK has an excellent track record of successfully hosting major events safely and securely – it's one of the reasons we won the Olympic bid in the first place. We will be building on this in our security planning.**

However, given the sheer scale of London 2012, the Games will pose significant policing and security challenges. That's why the Government has made safety and security at the Games a top priority, to ensure that everyone can enjoy the celebrations peacefully.

The Home Office, police and security services have worked closely with the Games organisers on the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Safety and Security Strategy. Together, our aim is to deliver a safe and secure Games, in keeping with the Olympic culture and spirit.

## **How we will do this**

We will ensure a safe and secure Games by:

- planning and managing the safety and security operation, and ensuring that we have the right resources to deliver it;
- protecting Olympic and Paralympic venues and events so that those watching or competing in the Games are safe and secure;
- protecting transport infrastructure;
- identifying and disrupting threats to the safety and security of the Games;
- preparing for events that may significantly disrupt the safety and security of the Games and ensuring that we are able to deal with them; and
- engaging with international and domestic partners and communities to enhance security.

# Meeting the security challenge

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**Our safety and security agencies will be using their experience to protect athletes, employees, spectators and the public in the run-up to and during the Games. This work includes everything from counter terrorism to crowd management, from serious crime policing to emergency planning.**

Some of this work is already happening. For example:

## **Designing security into venues**

Police officers and security advisers are working with the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) to build security into the design of Olympic and Paralympic venues. Standards from the Association of Chief Police Officers' 'Secured by Design' scheme are being applied to the construction of venues

in order to minimise crime and security risks.

## **Counter-terrorism planning**

The UK is already well protected against terrorist threats. This protection, and the experience of the agencies that deliver it, will be extended to the Games. The planning used in the Games will be linked closely to the UK Government's counter-terrorism strategy, known as CONTEST. A wide range of risks are now being assessed to inform security planning. These risks will be kept under constant review in the run-up to London 2012.

## **People and skills**

Police forces and other safety and security agencies across the country are co-ordinating to prepare for the biggest peacetime security operation in UK





You can find out more about CONTEST at:  
<http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism-strategy>

history. It is important that we have the right people with the right skills in order to deliver this. We want people to feel safe attending events, wherever they are held, not just in London but across the UK.

### **Protecting the Olympic Park**

The Metropolitan Police Service already has a dedicated police team at the Olympic Park, working with site security, contractors and others to ensure the safety and security of the largest construction site in Europe.

To help achieve this, access will be controlled by 'biometric' technology, using hand recognition, only allowing entry to authorised personnel.

Teams from the UK Border Agency will also help to make sure that only those who are legally entitled to work in the UK are employed in the Olympic Park.

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‘Factoring security into building design from the outset is best practice in residential developments but it has never been done for sporting venues with the degree of rigour that is being applied in the Olympic and Paralympic construction programme.’  
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*Howard Shiplee,  
Director of Construction,  
Olympic Delivery Authority*

# Early preparation

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**Being ready for anything is essential to the security preparations for London 2012. It is up to the police and other agencies to plan for anything that could happen to disrupt the Games or pose a risk to people's safety.**

This includes protecting infrastructure such as transport, utilities and telecommunications and having effective contingency plans for any emergency.

We must be able to continue to protect the UK while we prepare for and host the Games, so it is important that existing security and emergency planning carries on as usual.

We are working with all the relevant agencies (see page 13) to tailor existing plans so that they are ready for the likely risks posed by the Games and that their people are capable of dealing with them.

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‘There is no bigger event... we need to ensure that all our capabilities can scale up to meet the size of the Olympics and I am confident we can.’  
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*Bruce Mann,  
Head of the Government's  
Civil Contingencies Secretariat*



## Intelligence and prevention

A key element of our Strategy will be to identify threats to the Games at an early stage. This will help us to take appropriate action to ensure that these threats are disrupted before they can impact on safety and security.

Intelligence will be central to this effort. Whether the threat is from terrorism, serious crime and fraud, public order, protests, community tensions or natural hazards, we will ensure that law enforcement and other agencies have the right people with the right information to identify and disrupt any threat.

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‘The UK Police Service has a well deserved reputation for ensuring that major sporting events pass off safely. Staging the Olympics is a tremendous honour, and the police will be playing their part in ensuring that the Games are safe and secure so that spectators and participants can really enjoy this unique event.’  
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*Chris Allison,  
Assistant Commissioner Central  
Operations, Olympics and  
Paralympics, Metropolitan Police*

# How will security affect you?

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**We will make the policing and security operation as unobtrusive as possible and help provide a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for all involved in the Games.**

But, as at other major events, you will notice security measures at the venues and on public transport.

We will use familiar methods that have been proven to work, such as bag searches, screening machines, CCTV and metal detectors. As well as police officers, you will see a variety of stewards, security guards, volunteers and emergency services staff who will all be involved in security at the Games.

## **What will the security cost?**

The Olympic and Paralympic Safety and Security Programme is carefully planned to come within the £600 million funding limit which Ministers have set for the Games.

This amount covers the activity that the police and other safety and security agencies will have to deliver for the Games, over and above their routine business.

Our plans will build on the substantial investment that has been made in security and policing in recent years, together with the security budgets that the ODA and LOCOG (see page 13) have.

There is also a contingency fund to cover unforeseen events, for example an increase in the terrorism threat level to the UK.

### **What will we have to show for it?**

Policing and security for the Games will leave a lasting legacy. We will have established closer working partnership arrangements between police, security agencies and other organisations, both nationally and internationally.

This legacy will support the security arrangements for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow in 2014. The overall knowledge and experience gained from Olympic security planning will be valuable in preparing for all major events held in the UK, while stadiums and other venues will benefit from the Association of Chief Police Officers' 'Secured by Design' security standards.

We are also helping to train new security staff to support the Games, with a view to their having long-term careers after London 2012.

Local communities will also see benefits, such as:

- measures which have been put in place to counter extremism;
- helping areas to become more resilient to crime; and
- improved community relationships with the police and other agencies.

You can help keep the Games safe by playing an active role in your community, working with police and other agencies to ensure that the Games are a catalyst for increasing pride in communities, improving relationships and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

## Who's who in Olympic security

The Games is a UK-wide event and there are many different organisations and individuals involved in keeping it a safe and secure event. These are:

- The **Home Secretary** is the lead Minister for Olympic security.
- The **Olympic and Paralympic Security Directorate (OSD)** in the Home Office, made up of staff from the Government, police and other agencies, is responsible for delivery of the Olympic and Paralympic Safety and Security Strategy. It is part of the Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism.
- The OSD developed the Strategy in conjunction with a range of **partners**, including:
  - Department for Transport
  - Department of Health
  - Communities and Local Government
  - Cabinet Office
  - police forces around the country, including the Metropolitan Police, Dorset, Essex, Thames Valley and Hertfordshire, and their police authorities
  - the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and the Association of Police Authorities
  - ambulance and fire and rescue services
- Olympic partners such as the ODA and LOCOG (see below) and the Government Olympic Executive.
- The **London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG)** is responsible for staging the Games and for the safety of people in venues.
- The **Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA)** is building the venues and infrastructure and is working closely with the police and other agencies to ensure that safety and security is built into all venues and construction sites.
- Nationwide operational delivery of the Strategy in London 2012 will be overseen by the National Olympic Security Co-ordinator, in their capacity as Head of the **ACPO** Olympic Business Area and Assistant Commissioner in the **Metropolitan Police Service**.



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