



Business Planning and Preparation for Protests or Demonstrations

Prevent

- Checking where your premises start (i.e. what is private land and what is the public highway or an area the responsibility of a third party).
- If responsible for buildings where works are being carried out, ensuring a scheme of works can be produced if the need arises.
- Understanding what contractors and the local authorities would do in preparation for planned protest (where there might be a risk for violence).
- Exploring how your business would seek legal remedy if needed (including how to obtain pre-emptive measures from a judge).

Protect

- When you are aware of upcoming action, conduct regular building checks for markings
- Engaging with your neighbours to understand how they are preparing for the potential impacts and to share horizon-scanning information.
- Consider having arrangements to allow your company to dynamically assess civil disorder and to take action accordingly.
- Considering how to protect your staff if evacuating due to an arson attack.

- Keeping an up-to-date list of key companies you would use for the kind of supplies you would need to protect your business (including the time it is likely to take them to reach you – even with transport disruptions).
- Considering what you could do to protect large glass areas of your building and what you would need to do to get them repaired if they were damaged.
- Considering how your arrangements allow you to provide the right information to the police (including providing evidence of the 'serious' impacts of protests on your business).

Prepare

- Exploring how your business would identify potential triggers for civil disorder and the kind of actions you would take.
- Understanding the risk of your business, clients or neighbours being targeted by campaign or protest groups.
- Consider checking with your third-party recovery sites whether they would allow an early invocation in preparation for potential disruptions.
- Consider joining forums to share information and intelligence.
- Consider training staff to perform key roles such as:
 - Press liaison/spokesperson.
 - Point of contact with protest groups.
 - Point of contact with emergency services and local authority.
 - Point of contact with neighbours.
 - Staff welfare.

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