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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. Between 27 July and 9 September more than 14,000 athletes from 205 nations will compete at over 30 venues in London and across the country.

Also taking place in 2012 are 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.



# The world's biggest event

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- 10.8 million tickets will be on sale
- 26 Olympic sports
- 20 Paralympic sports
- 70-day Torch Relay
- 4 billion people watching globally

**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 producing booklets like this, we will be talking to local people and building links with communities to address specific concerns, ensure security measures are well understood, and gain their confidence and support.

## Find out more

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For more information on Games security, visit [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism/securing-2012-olympic-games/](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism/securing-2012-olympic-games/)

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Find out all you need to know about the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games at [www.london2012.com](http://www.london2012.com)

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You can email the Olympic and Paralympic Security Directorate at the Home Office at [publicenquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:publicenquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)



# A safe and secure Games

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**The UK has an excellent track record of successfully hosting and policing major events safely and securely – it's one of the reasons we won the right to host the Games. We are building on this in our security planning.**

The Government has made safety and security at the Games a top priority to ensure that everyone can enjoy the celebrations peacefully. This is important, as the sheer scale of London 2012 will place many demands on policing, the emergency services and security.

Together with partners such as the UK Border Agency (UKBA), the police and the security services, the Home Office is working 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 culture and spirit of the Games.

## **How we will do this**

Work on a safe and secure Games includes:

- planning and managing the safety and security operation, and ensuring we have the right resources for it;
- building security into the venues so they are safe before, during and after the Games;

- maintaining a strong national border;
- protecting Olympic and Paralympic venues and events so that those watching or taking part 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 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 use 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 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 extend to the Games. The planning used for this is 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 are being kept under constant review in the run-up to London 2012.

You can find out more about CONTEST at:  
[http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/  
counter terrorism strategy](http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism-strategy)



### **People and skills**

Police forces and other safety and security agencies across the country are coordinating to prepare for the biggest peace-time security operation in UK history. It is important that we have the right people with the right skills for this. We want people to feel safe attending events wherever they are held and whatever they are: sporting, cultural or celebratory, in London or across the UK. In addition to keeping the Games safe, we must also continue to provide core services to our communities and maintain resilience to deal with emergencies.

### **Protecting the Olympic Park**

The Metropolitan Police Service 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 is controlled by biometric technology, using hand recognition to allow entry only to authorised personnel. UKBA has also been working with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG), the ODA and local employers at the Olympic Park to check workers for identity misuse and their right to work.

## Identity assurance

UKBA is working with the Home Office's Olympic and Paralympic Security Directorate (OSD) and LOCOG to develop and implement a system for checking and accrediting all Games Family members – athletes, coaches and other officials – and media, as well as the Games-related workforce. This will support work on maintaining a strong border and delivering a safe and secure Games.

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‘We are creating a sporting environment that has safety and security built in, leaving a groundbreaking legacy that will last beyond the Games.’  
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*Howard Shiplee,  
Director of Construction, ODA*

# 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 (refer to pages 16 and 17) to tailor existing plans so that they are also ready for the

potential risks posed by the Games and ensure that their people are capable of dealing with them.

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‘Security is a vital part of ensuring we host a spectacular and successful event.’  
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*Sir Ian Johnston,  
Director of Security, LOCOG*

## **Intelligence and prevention**

A key element of our strategy is to identify any threats to the Games accurately and at an early stage. This enables us to take appropriate action to ensure that they are disrupted before they can have any impact on safety and security.



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

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‘The Games are a sporting event, not a security event, and we are putting in place policing and security plans that are reassuringly visible but discreet. Our aim is to police in a way that is consistent across the country and keeps the sporting and cultural events centre-stage during this historic occasion.’

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*Chris Allison,  
Assistant Commissioner  
Olympics and Paralympics,  
Metropolitan Police Service*

# How will security affect you?

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

At the same time, as at other major events, you will see security measures at and around the venues, on public transport and in public spaces.

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

More information on security at venues, such as what items are not allowed, will be published closer to the Games, together with advice on things such as how to keep yourself safe and what to do if you see anything suspicious.

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

Security for the Olympic and Paralympic Games is being carefully planned against a set budget. The Government expects to spend £475 million on policing and wider safety and security costs, although up to £600 million is available for this if needed. 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.

A further £282 million will be made available to LOCOG to meet the costs of safety and security inside venues.

Our plans will build on the substantial investment that has been made in security and policing in recent years, together with the investment that the ODA has made in security in construction.

This funding is within the overall £9.3 billion budget for the whole Games, which includes a contingency to cover unforeseen or unexpected events.

### **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 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 Games 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, so that they have a chance to pursue 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 become more resilient to crime; and
- improved community relationships with police and other agencies.

You can also help keep the Games safe by playing an active role in your community, working with the 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.

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‘A safe and secure Games enjoyed by all and that showcases Britain at its best is an absolute priority for this Government.’  
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*Baroness Neville-Jones,  
Security Minister*

# Who's who in Olympic and Paralympic security

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

- The **Home Secretary** is the lead minister for Olympic and Paralympic security. The Government has signed guarantees to the International Olympic Committee and International Paralympic Committee that the Games will be safe and secure.
- The **Olympic and Paralympic Security Directorate (OSD)** in the Home Office 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:
  - UK Border Agency (UKBA)
  - Department for Transport
  - Department of Health
  - Department for Communities and Local Government
  - Cabinet Office
  - police forces around the country, including the Metropolitan Police, the Dorset, Essex, Thames Valley and Hertfordshire forces, and their police authorities
  - the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Association of Police Authorities

- ambulance and fire and rescue services
- Olympic partners such as the ODA and LOCOG and the Government Olympic Executive.
- The **London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games 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, UKBA and other agencies to ensure safety and security are built into all venues and construction sites.
- Nationwide operational delivery of the Olympic and Paralympic Safety and Security Strategy in 2012 will be overseen by the **National Olympic Security Coordinator**, in his capacity as head of the **Olympic and Paralympic Policing Coordination Team** and Assistant Commissioner Olympics and Paralympics within the **Metropolitan Police Service**.



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