

Information and Advice to the Business Community

Following the recent unrest in London and other English towns and cities over the past three nights it is prudent to remind businesses of the need to encourage staff to remain vigilant and report any activity, either electronic or physical, they believe is suspicious to their manager, the police or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Scotland's towns and cities are relatively safe but:

You should immediately review:

- Your security policies and procedures and check that your staff are aware of the procedures, and that they comply with them.
- Check that your CCTV system is working correctly and the images are properly saved and stored.
- The contact details you hold for all your staff e.g. are they current and up to date?
- Your contingency and business continuity plans and ensure they are up to date and tested.
- Your procedures for communicating with staff within your building; also consider staff that might be travelling to or from work e.g. telephone cascade procedures.

Travelling:

- Encourage your staff to plan their journeys using alternative routes in case this becomes necessary. Pre-planning alternative routes will ensure that staff can arrive to and from work with the minimum of disruption or delay.

Rest assured that the situation in Scotland is being constantly monitored by the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland and Scottish Police and Information and Co-ordination Centre (S-PICC) and that any incidents will be dealt with robustly.

