

MPS Event Message

POTUS Visit 13th July 2018



Introduction

Friday 13th day 2 of the President of the United States visit as a Guest of the British Government Mr Donald Trump will continue with the schedule of official engagements. As a result of his visit a number of organised protests have been arranged to coincide with the varying engagements.

The Metropolitan Police Service policing operation continues with liaison with the organisers managing both the protests and rallies and the continued business of London. The MPS will continue to make the public aware of this potential for impacts on the local communities as a result of these protests. Similar impacts may be seen on the transport network. The below map indicates the areas that will be impacted by these protests.



A significant policing operation is being planned for the visit of The President of The United States on 13th July 2018. **There will be a number marches and rallies taking place on 12th, 13th & 14th July, most on social media, of note:**

Friday 13th July:- Expected busiest day for protest. From 1100 A march against the visit forms up in **Portland Place**, moving off at 1230 to Oxford Circus, Regents Street, Haymarket, T Sq, Whitehall finishing with a rally in **Parliament Square** between 1400 and 1600 Organisers anticipate a large number of protesters in support. (Timings may vary)

From 1400 A second march, also against the visit will form up in **Portland Place**, moves off at 1500 along same route, where they will march to **Trafalgar Square**

Check @MetPoliceEvents for updates on the 13th

Other Travel News on @TfLTrafficNews

Or sign up to travel alerts:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/social-media-and-email-updates/email-updates>



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Policing Plan

The Metropolitan Police Service has a policing plan in place throughout the event, led by Gold London, Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D'Orsi, in order to police pre-planned events and respond to any additional demands across London.

It is the intention of the MPS to deliver our core responsibilities at this event:

- Prevention and detection of crime
- The protection of life and property
- The maintenance of the Queen's Peace

The strategy will include plans to police protest, maintain public order, and minimise disruption to community life. Plans are also being developed to minimise opportunities to commit crime, including public disorder and damage to property, and hate crime will not be tolerated.

Businesses and private premises should be aware that the majority of protests are peaceful, and under Human Rights legislation should be facilitated on public land *unless certain exceptions apply*, however it is always possible that individuals attending may not be intent on holding a peaceful protest.

In relation to protests within private property, Police see the primary responsibility for the security of the property and the management of any trespass within the premises as being that of the land owner/company. As you are well aware, opening your premises for business implies invitation to all persons. The Manager or representative of the company / premises can withdraw this invitation at any time.

Advice

We would recommend that retail outlets who may be affected should such activity taking place review their security plans and operating procedures. This could include:

- Contingency arrangements for site access on Fri 13th and Sat 14th July
- Review access control and accreditation of personnel to prevent unauthorised access or security breaches
- Report any suspicious activity to police either 999 or 101.
- Register for Cross-sector Security and Safety Communications via CSSC www.thecssc.com

Crime Prevention Advice

You can help to protect your premises by taking a few sensible precautions. The following points are a list of considerations and are by no means exhaustive:



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Safeguarding your business:

www.met.police.uk

Your people

- In the days leading up to the event, ensure all employees are fully briefed.
- Your premises should have a strong, visible management presence who should identify themselves to the police in the event of any trespassing or damage.
- Security officers, where possible, should be highly visible.
- All staff should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to security and/or the police.
- Ensure all members of staff are fully aware of any emergency and evacuation procedures.

Your premises

- Minimise the number of entry points to your premises.
- Ensure that the outside areas are clear of debris, dustbins, ladders or tools and equipment.
- Check that your emergency equipment, grab bags, first aid supplies and walkie-talkies are in place, easy to get to and working properly. Advisable to test them beforehand.
- Check and test building security and emergency systems.
- Ensure CCTV coverage is fully operational and can provide the highest recording resolution possible.
- If your building has scaffolding erected or is in close proximity of scaffolding, let your security staff know.

Have a plan! - Visit the following website to find out ways, such as this 10 minute Business Continuity Self-Assessment you could be more prepared for the unexpected:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/organisations-we-work/london-prepared/preparing-your-business>

