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## **Sikh Council UK urges Gurdwaras' to remain vigilant and review security following terrorist attack; urges reporting of any hate crimes to authorities**

Sikh Council UK urges all Gurdwaras' and other community organisations to review security arrangements including checking CCTV provision is in working order following yesterday's terrorist attack in London.

Unfortunately as seen in past, Sikhs and Gurdwaras have been targeted in ignorance and been subject to hate crimes due to our distinct identity.

Gurdwara managements and congregations are requested to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police and Sikh Council UK.

Anyone who is subject to any form of hate crime whether physical or verbal is urged to report the matter to the police and the Sikh Council UK right away. It is important that any such reporting makes clear you believe a hate crime has been committed in order to ensure it is recorded accurately in police records.

If you have an emergency call 999 otherwise call 101 for all non urgent matters. Anti-terrorism hotline number is 0800 789 321 for all suspicious terrorism related matters.

Sikh Council UK reiterates our condemnation of yesterday's terrorist attack and our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected.

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Note for Editors: Sikh Council UK is the largest representative body of Sikhs in the UK. We are recognised as the national advocate for British Sikhs in the United Kingdom and in the European Union.