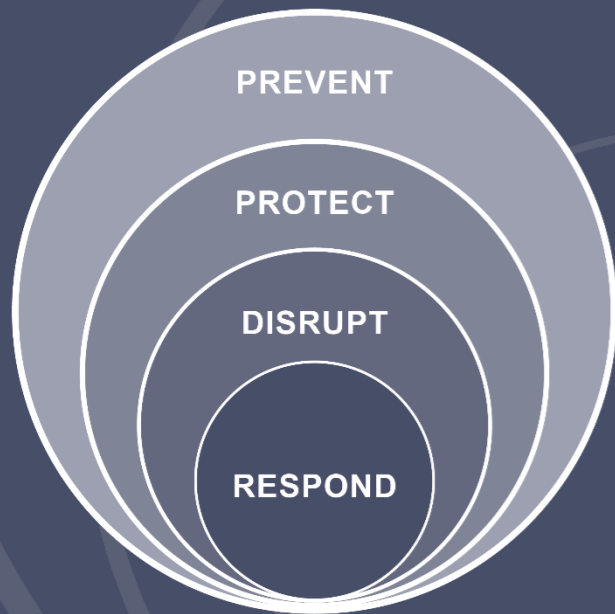


Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy 2025



A coordinated, effective counter-terrorism system is fundamental to a resilient, prosperous New Zealand. This strategy drives delivery and system maturity around four priority areas of prevent, protect, disrupt and respond, designed to respond to New Zealand's specific threat environment and globally emerging challenges.



COUNTER-TERRORISM MISSION

Protecting New Zealand and its people

Our Counter-Terrorism system is informed and agile, rapidly adapting to current and emerging threat actors and forms of attack and acting early to reduce the risk.

Everyone has a role to play






All New Zealanders have a role to play in preventing terrorism and violent extremism – from staying safe on the Internet and supporting societal resilience to violent extremist ideologies, to helping to detect threats and prevent attacks.

We lead and coordinate

Our Counter-Terrorism Coordination Committee (CTCC) is the multi-agency governing body responsible for implementing the *Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy* and the *annual work programme*. CCTC reports to the National Security Board (NSB).

We act early to prevent harm

Working together with communities, businesses, and partners across the country and internationally, we prevent people from getting involved in or supporting terrorism, protect our people and places, and disrupt threats early, whilst ensuring that we're ready to respond and support recovery if an incident occurs.

 PREVENT	 PROTECT	 DISRUPT	 RESPOND	 CT SYSTEM
Objectives				
<p>Prevent and reduce the risk of radicalisation and violent extremism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build awareness and resilience, address factors contributing to radicalisation, and support disengagement from violence. 	<p>Protect our people, places and infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen protective security measures and partnerships. 	<p>Identify, understand and disrupt terrorism threats early:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through discovery and leads, intelligence gathering, comprehensive investigations, and effective, proportionate interventions. 	<p>Be ready to respond and recover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure swift, effective action and support for those affected. 	<p>Lead an integrated counter-terrorism (CT) system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through effective partnerships, coordination and collaboration.
Outcomes				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Zealanders are aware of, understand, and challenge violent extremism and radicalisation. A safer online environment, mitigating the risks of radicalisation. People at risk of radicalising to violence are identified early and supported from further harm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People and crowded places are kept safe. Infrastructure and essential service delivery are protected against terrorist attacks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies are highly effective at identifying and understanding threats. Identified threats are disrupted early, and people are kept safe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We respond swiftly and effectively to terrorist incidents – mitigating the impact, protecting lives, and supporting victims. Individuals and communities are supported throughout their recovery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A highly integrated, effective and efficient counter-terrorism system. New Zealand makes a tangible contribution to countering terrorism at a global and regional level.



COUNTERING TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM STRATEGY 2025

Action plan: Driving delivery

Crucial work operational agencies undertake, every day, to keep New Zealanders safe and secure.

The Counter-terrorism System

The Counter-Terrorism Coordination Committee brings together agencies across government to deliver and improve New Zealand's counter-terrorism effort. This work programme outlines activities that agencies undertake, every day, to keep New Zealand safe and secure.

Preventing and countering terrorism is a cross-government responsibility:

- The Minister for National Security and Intelligence is accountable for counter-terrorism.
- The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) is responsible for strategic leadership, and counter-terrorism system coordination and stewardship.
- The New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) and New Zealand Police lead the detection, investigation and understanding of terrorism threats.
- New Zealand Police lead the operational response to a terrorist incident.






In the event of an attack

Escape. Move quickly and quietly away from danger, but only if it is safe to do so.

Hide. Stay out of sight and silence your phone.

Tell. Call the Police by dialling 111 when it is safe.



 PREVENT	 PROTECT	 DISRUPT	 RESPOND	 CT SYSTEM
<p>New Zealanders are aware of, understand, and challenge violent extremism and radicalisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the national terrorism threat level CTAG • Understanding and assessing the risk environment MULTI-AGENCY • Annual Security Threat Environment public report NZSIS • Public guidance for identifying signs of violent extremism (Know the Signs) NZSIS • Monitoring Te Korowai Whetū Social Cohesion measurement framework MSD • Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism research funding DPMC • Update all terrorism information on government websites DPMC <p>A safer online environment, mitigating the risks of radicalisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing objectionable terrorist and violent extremist content DIA • Educating parents, educators and young people (Keep It Real Online) DIA • Working with international partners and tech industry to promote online safety DIA / DPMC <p>People at risk of radicalising to violence are identified early and supported from further harm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disengaging individuals from violent extremism (He Aranga Ake programme) POLICE • Working with at-risk offenders during imprisonment after release CORRECTIONS 	<p>People and crowded places are kept safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the Crowded Places Strategy POLICE • Working with owners and operators of crowded places POLICE • Strengthening community sites against terrorist attacks and violent hate incidents (Safer Communities Fund) DPMC / DIA • Coordinating risk assessment and security support for major events in New Zealand (Major Events Security Committee (MESC)) MULTI-AGENCY • Delivering operational security support for places and people POLICE / NZSIS • Public info campaign: what to do in the event of an attack (Escape/Hide/Tell) POLICE / DPMC <p>Infrastructure and essential services are protected against terrorist attacks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding aviation security, airports and aviation spaces CAA / TRANSPORT / POLICE • Aligning with cross cutting national security issues strategic approaches and amplifying effort to protect New Zealand (Eg, cyber security, critical infrastructure and countering foreign interference) MULTI-AGENCY 	<p>Agencies are highly effective at identifying and understanding threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing public guidance for reporting concerning behaviour NZSIS / POLICE • Identifying, understanding and disrupting threats NZSIS / POLICE • Coordinating leads and investigations through the Counter-Terrorism Investigations and Leads (Joint Leads) framework MULTI-AGENCY • Operational cooperation, intelligence and capability sharing with international partners MULTI-AGENCY <p>Identified threats are disrupted early, and people are kept safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Persons of Interest from investigation to apprehension and prosecution / disruption POLICE / NZSIS • Working with at-risk individuals pre-custody, during imprisonment, and after release CORRECTIONS / POLICE • Designating terrorist entities POLICE / DPMC • Preventing the misuse of financial systems for illegal activities (Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism) DIA • Securing border entry points CUSTOMS / MBIE • Responding to the recommendations of the Independent Review of the <i>Intelligence and Security Act 2017</i>, to enhance agencies threat disruption powers DPMC 	<p>We respond swiftly and effectively to terrorist incidents – mitigating the impact, protecting lives and supporting victims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading the operational response to an attack POLICE • Emergency services response – preserving life, neutralising the threat from attacker(s), supporting victims and securing the incident site MULTI-AGENCY • Leading system response to an attack) POLICE / DPMC • Activate strategic crisis management systems (ODESC and CIMS) to enable swift, coordinated decision making DPMC • Leading effective public communications and safety messaging DPMC • Participating in Counter-Terrorism National Exercise Programme to stay ready and prepared POLICE / DPMC <p>Individuals and communities are supported throughout their recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating support for affected individuals and communities MULTI-AGENCY • Supporting affected individuals and communities to shape the recovery process MULTI-AGENCY 	<p>A highly integrated, effective and efficient CT system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System stewardship, strategic leadership and coordination DPMC • Coordinating advice and strategic risk management under the National Risk and Resilience Framework DPMC • Developing and evaluating system capability through annual CTCC Work Programme DPMC • Advising and supporting Ministers, National Security Board and other decision-makers DPMC • Undertaking cross-system reviews to inform continuous improvement DPMC • Public engagement, communications and information sharing on CT efforts MULTI-AGENCY • Targeted amendment of the <i>Terrorism Suppression Act 2002</i> JUSTICE • Provide advice on options to strengthen legislation to support agencies' ability to respond to the current and future threat environment JUSTICE / DPMC • Regularly reviewing tools and capabilities to ensure they are fit for purpose and responsive to changing threat environment – particularly the challenges of youth radicalisation, emerging technologies, and hybrid-ideologies DPMC / MULTI-AGENCY <p>New Zealand makes a tangible contribution to countering terrorism at a global and regional level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining strategic international partnerships - bilaterally, regionally and multilaterally DPMC / MFAT • Supporting operational international CT partnerships and initiatives MULTI-AGENCY