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Preventing Violence Against Women and Girl's

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Background & Importance

- The private security industry makes a significant contribution to the safety of the public in the night-time economy and within regulated events and historically, we have undertaken a wide range of work in relation to supporting vulnerable persons in the night-time economy. However there has been increasing awareness of the risks to women and girls' safety. The very existence of violence against women and girls is a problem for all of society. These abhorrent crimes can change the course of a victim's life, their experiences and their future.
- As the industry regulator, we have a clear responsibility to 'protect the public' and 'enhance the industry'. The actions we're taking have been developed to support the Government's recently published, Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls strategy. This has a number of themes and we, together with the private security industry can make a positive contribution

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Prevention

- Public understanding and awareness
- Support in Higher Education
- Safer Workplaces
- Safer Streets
- Safer Transport

Intelligence

- Improving Reporting to the police
- Multi-agency working and information sharing

Enforcement/Disruption

- Pursuit of Perpetrators

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Helping vulnerable people

- Look out for signs of vulnerable individuals, who might be:
 - under the influence of alcohol or drugs
 - alone or receiving unwanted attention
 - separated from friends
 - lost or isolated
 - being followed or threatened
 - victims of child exploitation
 - under the age of 18
 - elderly
 - with mental ill-health, with learning, physical, or a range of invisible disabilities


What to do
 Report concerns at once to your supervisor or the venue management.
 *seek the help of street pastors, street marshals or any other active schemes
 *call a relative to help in the case of a younger or vulnerable adult
 *get a taxi or private hire vehicle for the person concerned (private hire vehicles must be booked through a licensed operator by phone, app or at a booking office; taxis can be hired the same way or hailed in the street or at a taxi rank)
 *use 'safe havens' or other local initiatives run by organisations such as St John's Ambulance
 *call the police

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Operational Activity

- Operation Sheraton 29/11/2021 – 13/12/2021
- Operation Tarragon 05/09/2022 – 31/10/2022
- Operation Reframe the night City of London Police
- Pilot to test security 'Spiking incidents'
- WAVE product aimed directly at Door Supervisors
- Project for WAVE e-Learning product
- Gender Network Group guest speaker
- Stakeholder and SIA Business meeting update

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Any Questions?

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